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BRITISH HINT TO ITALY NOT AN ULTIMATUM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ROME, TO-DAY.

THE SHARP ANTI-ALLIED CAMPAIGN IN THE ITALIAN PRESS, WHICH HAD SOMEWHAT ABATED ON WEDNESDAY, WAS RESUMED WITH INCREASED VIOLENCE YESTERDAY MORNING.

Persistence of the campaign, as well as other signs, such as the calling up of several classes of reservists, is interpreted by foreign observers to mean that though not intending to attack the Allies directly, Italy has returned to an active policy and will not remain neutral should Germany invade Hungary.

Italy's first move in such a case would probably be the occupation of the Yugo-Slavian coast of Dalmatia "for the protection of Italian interests."

Foreign circles stress that whatever attitude Italy may take, it will meet with immediate Allied reaction if it is detrimental to the interests of the Allies or their friends. — Havas.

Not An Ultimatum

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The speech by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister for Economic Warfare, regarding Italy, is considered by political circles to be extremely timely and well-worded.

It is pointed out that Britain in no way desires to place a kind of ultimatum before Rome, but we also cannot ignore the systematically hostile attitude of the Italian press and the important military preparations recently ordered by Mussolini.

A NEAT REJOINDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

An official protest "against acts of sabotage committed in Rumania by foreigners" has been forwarded to the Premier, M. Tatarescu, by the German Minister, Herr Fabricius.

It is understood the Nazi envoy complained that the British had tried to disrupt Rumanian communications so as to prevent raw materials reaching the Reich.

M. Tatarescu is reported to have answered that the Government has taken all measures they deem necessary against suspects, but pointed out that the number of Germans residing in Bucharest is ten times bigger than the number of British subjects. — Havas.

VIOLENT GUNFIRE OFF COAST OF ENGLAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Violent gunfire at sea was heard late last night by the inhabitants of several towns on the south-east coast of England, leading to the belief that the Navy was engaged near the coast.

Although no planes were heard, the police advised residents to remain indoors. — Havas.

TABLES TURNED ON NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day

The "Neue Zurcher Zeitung" sums up the situation in Norway in favour of the Allies.

"Eight days after the invasion of Norway it is clear beyond all doubt that the Germans have only partly attained their objectives and after early successes achieved with heavy losses have already suffered a setback."

The "National Zeitung" compares the official German announcement of the "victory" after the Marne in the last war with similar German communiques in the Norwegian campaign.

"In future years there may well be much head-shaking over the German communiques of to-day." — Havas.

Norwegian Confidence

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

A Norwegian communique says the Norwegian army commander is confident of being able to resist the German forces. The Germans have progressed but little. — Havas.

WEATHER: Breeze from north-east, light, becoming cloudy generally with rain or fog, some drizzle.

STORY BEHIND NEW "PUPPET"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

CHRISTIANSEN, HEAD OF THE NAZI PUPPET "ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE" IN NORWAY, IS A DISTINGUISHED NORWEGIAN PERSONALITY, AND IT IS STATED HE ACCEPTED THE NAZI OFFER TO FORM AN ADMINISTRATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN ORDER TO MITIGATE THE SUFFERINGS OF NORWEGIANS UNDER GERMAN DOMINATION.

He is not aiming to form a government opposed to the legal Norwegian Cabinet.

His first act was to oust the traitor Quisling from all official positions.

It is recalled that under the Norwegian constitution the president of the Supreme Court can summon Parliament only if the King dies without an heir. — Havas.

says: "This normal event was provided for in the agreement of 1938 which stipulates that the fighting forces of the two countries should keep in contact." — Reuter.

"Normal Event"

London, To-day.

Rome Radio, referring to the German military mission now in Italy,



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Rome, To-day.

"ITALY'S MEDITERRANEAN policy is not a policy of domination but of collaboration with all powers and primarily with Mediterranean nations," writes Signor Gayda in "Giornale d'Italia."

"The Mediterranean system which Italy has in mind must be based on equilibrium of rights and national strength and on international guarantee of freedom of movement and of exit.

"This system also implies collaboration between Italy and Islam in conformity with Italy's traditional and present policy both in the Mediterranean and Red Sea." — Reuter.

Statement On Speech By Mr. Cross

London, To-day.

In reply to questions regarding the significance of the speech of Mr. Ronald Cross and his references to Italy, an authoritative spokesman informed Reuter that there was little to add to the speech, though one might like to subtract something perhaps from the headlines given to it. The references to Italy, he continued, seemed to represent a reasonable point of view that we desired to know where we stood.

It would be quite a mistake to take these references as a deliberate demarche and it would be unwise to attach any undue importance to them.

When one analysed Mr. Cross's references, it was found that they were friendly and reasonable in tone. Britain had scrupulously kept the Anglo-Italian Agreement of 1938 and she wanted to continue doing so.—Reuter.

Italian Measures

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Exceptional importance is attached in diplomatic circles here to Italy's reported decision (denied in Rome) to make Bari harbour a forbidden zone and also the German report that a decree was published in Rome calling up four classes.

On the other hand, the official radio of Belgrade announced that part of the Turkish Fleet took to the high seas and is heading for the Aegean Sea.—Havas.

U-BOAT PRISONERS

London, To-day.

Forty U-boat prisoners were landed at a north-west Scottish port last night.—Reuter.

HITLER FAILS TO IMPRESS MUSSOLINI

New York, To-day.

"As far as impressing the Italians is concerned, the fighting in Scandinavia has been disappointing to the Nazis," cables the Berlin correspondent of the "Herald-Tribune."

"Instead of being over at the end of the first day the battle is still going on after nine days.

"Hitler, instead of being able to show Mussolini a lightning victory in Scandinavia, possibly followed by a similar stroke in another direction, can only point to a conquest which is becoming a military drain on the Reich, whose strategic and economic advantages are dubious."—Reuter.

NEW AUSTRALIAN LABOUR PARTY FORMED

Sydney, To-day.

Mr. Lang, former Labour Premier of New South Wales, yesterday formed a new Australian Labour Party to be styled non-Communist.

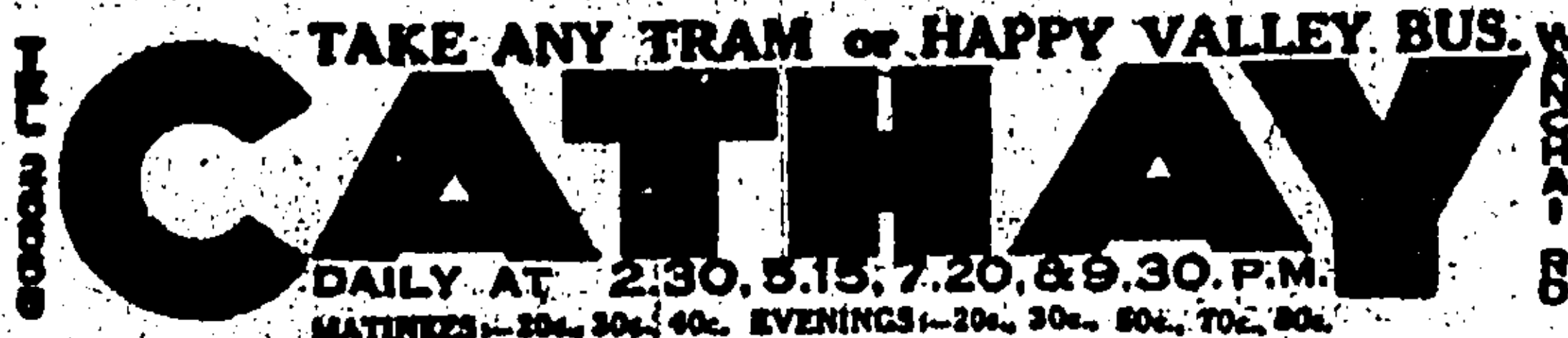
He has the support of eight State and seven Federal Members of Parliament.—Reuter.

HEINKEL OVER THE SHETLANDS

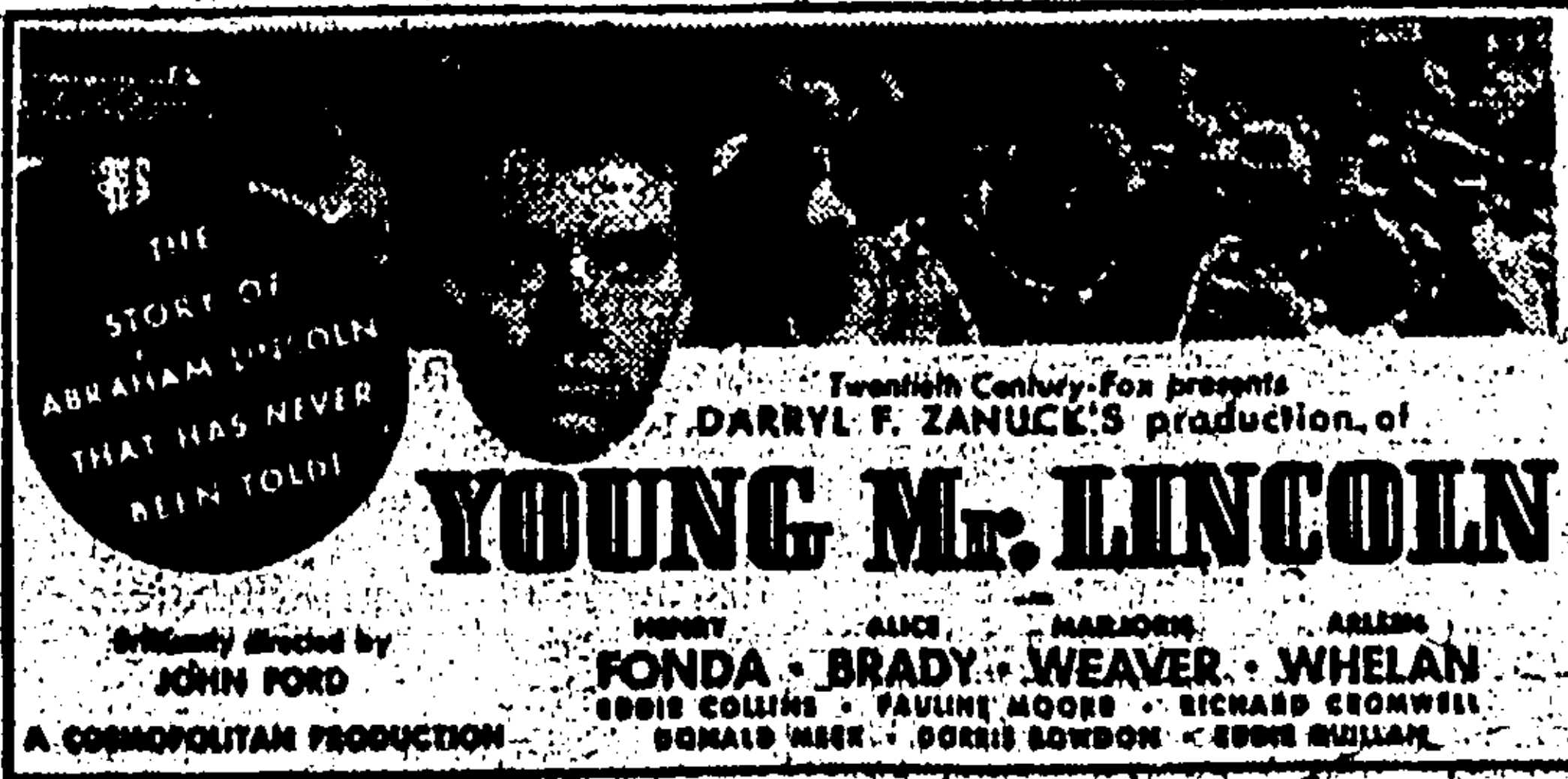
London, To-day.

A Heinkel plane flew over part of the Shetlands yesterday afternoon.

Fighters went up and the Heinkel disappeared without dropping any bombs. The air raid warning lasted 22 minutes.—Reuter.



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ALLIED POLICY IN THE BALKANS

London, To-day.

FOLLOWING MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S statement in the Commons yesterday afternoon, Reuter learns on reliable authority that although there is no feeling in London that the Balkan countries are in imminent danger of attack, little doubt is held that an Allied force, if necessary, would be used to protect the independence and integrity of the Balkan countries against any threat that might arise.

It is pointed out that diplomatic support will be forthcoming for the Balkan Entente in its attempts to improve relations with Bulgaria and to develop the independence of the Balkan countries.

It is recognised in London that the independence of each country is of common interest and anything that can be done to promote real Balkan solidarity will be done.

It is understood the work of the United Kingdom Commercial Corporation will be directed to supplementing rather than supplanting existing channels of trade.

Purpose is to develop commercial exchanges on a permanent basis.

It is understood this involves assistance to the Balkans to develop their own resources.

Barter Basis

To a considerable extent trade is likely to be on a barter basis and the question of enabling the Balkan countries to buy production goods on a kind of instalment system and paying for them with their own products, would receive most sympathetic consideration.—Reuter.

SWISS TAKE ACTION

Berne, To-day.

THE SWISS AUTHORITIES HAVE NO INTENTION OF LEAVING THEIR COUNTRY OPEN TO SURPRISE FROM WITHIN.

A decree signed yesterday by the President of the Confederation and the Commander-in-Chief of the Swiss Army provides for defence against parachutists, saboteurs and propagandists serving the enemy and enjoin the civilian population to obey the authorities.

An order has been signed by the Swiss Federal Council to bring the strength of the defence forces up to 500,000 men within the next few months.—Reuter.

FOES FROM WITHIN

Amsterdam, To-day.

The "Fatherland Club," the largest nationalist organization in the Netherlands East Indies, has petitioned the Government to take precautions against foes from within.

It emphasizes the dangers of the local Nazi movement and says that Nazi sympathisers may be found among the authorities of the Dutch East Indies themselves.—Reuter.

KING AT BIRMINGHAM

London, To-day.

At Birmingham yesterday, the King and Queen visited munitions factories in the surrounding area and also watched large-scale A.R.P. exercises and tanks on trial manoeuvres.—Reuter.

CONTROL OF TRAFFIC ON DANUBE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE DECISION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE DANUBE TO INSTITUTE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS TO CONTROL TRAFFIC ON THE DANUBE HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED IN LONDON, WRITES REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

It is important not only from the economic and maritime point of view but also because of the political implications.

The important decision affecting the common interests of the riverine states was reached unanimously, Hungarians and Rumanians agreeing with Yugo-Slavs, and Bulgarians in defence of their rights in their own waters and in determination to keep them free from the influence or actions of the belligerents.

The agreement is a distinct move to maintain peace in south-eastern Europe.—Reuter.

MEN WANTED FOR THE PIONEERS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AN APPEAL TO MEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 30 AND 50 TO JOIN THE PIONEER CORPS WAS MADE YESTERDAY BY MAJOR-GENERAL BEITH, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AT THE WAR OFFICE. MORE AND MORE MEN WILL BE NEEDED AS TIME GOES ON.

Some of the million British soldiers to-day were in France, he said. Some were in the Near East and some in Norway. Where next they would be needed, no one could say, but one thing was certain—they would be needed somewhere if freedom was to be restored to the world.—Reuter.

NEW POST FOR "EVANS OF THE BROKE"

London, To-day.

Admiral Sir Edward Evans—better known as "Evans of the Broke"—has been appointed additional naval attaché in Scandinavia. He is the regional A.R.P. director in London.—Reuter.

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TROJAN HORSE SITUATION IN AMERICA

Washington, To-day. Martin Dies, chairman of the Congressional committee investigating sabotage and espionage, stated yesterday that Nazi and Communist agents, for purposes of sabotage and espionage, have penetrated key American industries "vital to the country in case of war and also to the Allies if large shipments to them are planned."

Mr. Dies said his committee was looking into the situation and added: "I am going to show that in the United States we have a Trojan horse situation worse than Norway's."—Reuter.

SWISS READY FOR ANYTHING

Zurich, To-day.

"We will attack energetically everywhere," are words in a decree signed by M. Pilet Golaz, President of the Swiss Confederation, and General Guisan, Commander-in-Chief of the Army, regarding arrangements in case of a surprise invasion.

Soldiers on leave, except those abroad, and all military vehicles and draught horses will be immediately mobilised.

The decree envisages measures against parachutists, saboteurs and propagandists serving the enemy and enjoins civilians to obey the military authorities.

"The decree is not due to deterioration in the situation which is considered to have improved slightly."—Reuter.

BIG PLANE CONTRACTS

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Arthur Purvis, head of the Anglo-French purchasing commission, announces that contracts were signed in New York on Wednesday for "huge quantities" of Curtiss pursuit planes and Douglas bombers.

Mr. Purvis added another contract had been concluded and would be signed immediately for a type of plane which he did not identify but which is one of the remaining late types of planes released for foreign sale by the War Department last week.—Reuter.

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47 Nazi Planes Accounted For In Same Period

London, To-day.

IT IS LEARNED THAT between April 7 and 17 the R.A.F. lost 22 planes, as announced by the Air Ministry.

According to figures compiled from official and reliable neutral reports, during the same period at least 28 German aircraft are known to have been destroyed and a further 19 so badly damaged that they probably did not reach their bases.

This does not include any German planes downed by the Fleet Air Arm nor a great number of machines that must have been damaged or destroyed during the R.A.F. raids on Stavanger and the Fleet bombardment of the aerodrome there.

The R.A.F. again struck at Stavanger yesterday when two attacks were carried out by heavy bombers.

British planes reconnoitred along the Norwegian coast, discovering a U-boat in one fjord; a direct hit was registered. Another plane attacked a Nazi supply ship.

The main raid on Stavanger was carried out at dawn, and the crews of the British planes dropped bombs all over the runway and hit transport planes on the edge of the landing field.

German fighters were encountered and in addition to machines destroyed on the ground it is believed that two twin-engined German planes were shot down.

THREE LOST

During the night, the R.A.F. attacked again and further damage was reported. Three British planes have not returned.

At dawn on Wednesday, British naval guns hammered away at Stavanger. Stavanger, although a good point for Nazi planes to take off from for raiding Britain, is on a plateau facing the sea and is a good target for naval guns. The only buildings there are hangars and offices, the town itself being some miles away.

One of the planes of the coastal Command co-operated with the Navy in the bombardment of Stavanger, acting as a "spotter."

80-MINUTE BOMBARDMENT

Aeroplanes, too, started the operation by dropping flares which lit up the field and by dropping incendiary bombs which started several fires.

The naval guns then opened up, keeping up the bombardment for one hour and 20 minutes.

German aeroplanes tried to bomb the British warships. One cruiser was hit and slightly damaged, but managed to continue home without help.

A little earlier, the R.A.F. had bombed Trondheim, dropping heavy bombs and starting a big fire, whatever other damage they may have caused. They also bombed an adjoining seaplane base.—Reuter.

German Version

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

According to a Berlin communique, Stavanger "has been bombed" and four German planes have been "damaged by splinters."

German planes, according to the communique, dropped bombs on an attacking cruiser and on others patrolling off Norway.

The Germans claim that one British cruiser was sunk, four more light and heavy cruisers were hit and a destroyer was damaged.—Havas.

PACIFIC FREIGHT CHARGES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

American steamship lines have decided to increase freight charges to 50 per cent. on cargo going to the Continent and the Far East.

The decision was reached following developments in the European conflict and will be enforced in one month.—Havas.

TENANTS' GROUP TOO TRUSTING

The method adopted by Hong Kong and Kowloon Tenants' Association in protecting their members when in trouble with landlords, was criticised by Mr. Alfred Y. Hon this morning before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon when he pleaded guilty on behalf of his client, Tung Chung-yin, 23, charged on eight counts of fraudulent conversion.

It was alleged by the prosecution, conducted by Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser, that accused had fraudulently converted a total sum of \$316 for his own benefit between October and March last.

These sums of money were collected by accused, formerly employed by the Association as a clerk, from various tenants, who entrusted the money to the Association for settling disputes with their respective landlords.

Accused spent the money for his own use instead of handing it to the Association.

Mr. Hon contended that the Association should have instructed a solicitor to look after the money as well as the interest of the members, instead of placing the matter in the hands of accused.

The defence asked his Worship to bind accused over since his parents had consented to retribute the full sums of money, and accused, himself, was very young and had a clean record.

After considering all the circumstances, Mr. Macfadyen said that he had to exercise the Law and imposed one month's hard labour on accused on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

AUSTRALIAN SHIPYARDS WORK TO CAPACITY

Canberra, To-day.

Australian shipyards are to work at maximum capacity building anti-submarine trawlers suitable for mine-sweeping in British waters.—Reuter.

ADMIRALTY STATEMENT

London, To-day.

An official Admiralty communique states that in the course of the last two days highly successful operations have been carried out by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm.

On April 16 enemy shipping was attacked off Bergen, and one transport sunk.

On April 17, our aircraft repeatedly engaged enemy aircraft trying to attack British warships on their return from the bombardment of Stavanger aerodrome.

One Heinkel and one Dornier flyingboat were shot down while two more Heinkels and another Dornier were damaged. All our aircraft returned safely.

It is further notified that the cruiser announced as damaged by a Nazi air attack after the bombardment of Stavanger aerodrome has reached her base.—Reuter.

SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL COMMUNIQUE

Havas says the Swiss Federal Council has issued a communique saying: "If doubts as to the will of resistance of the Federal Council and the Army Command are circulated they must be considered as enemy propaganda and unfriendly to our country."

"Our country will defend itself to the end against any aggression."

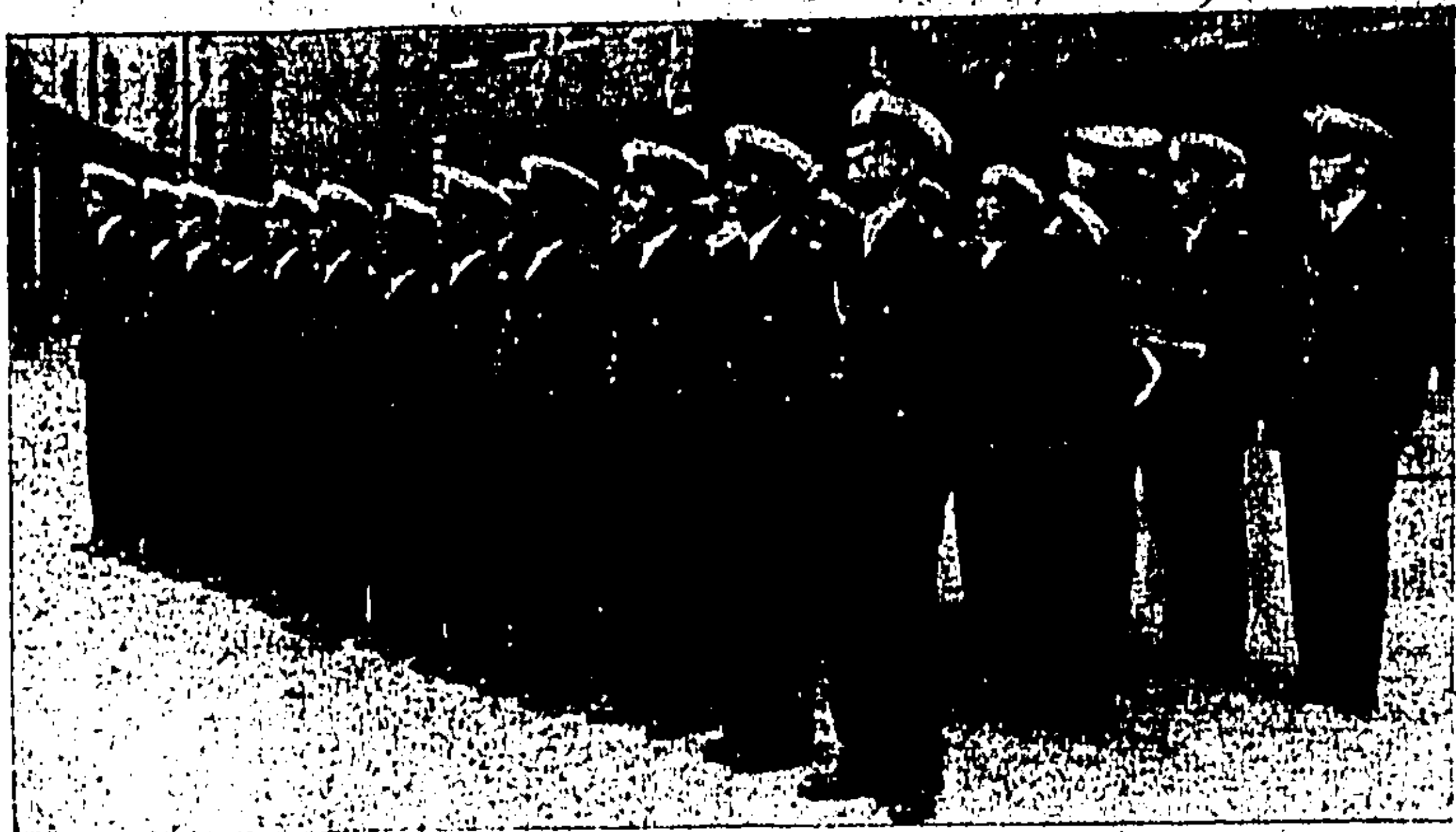
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Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police, presenting the cup to the Emergency Unit at the Police Reserve Competition.

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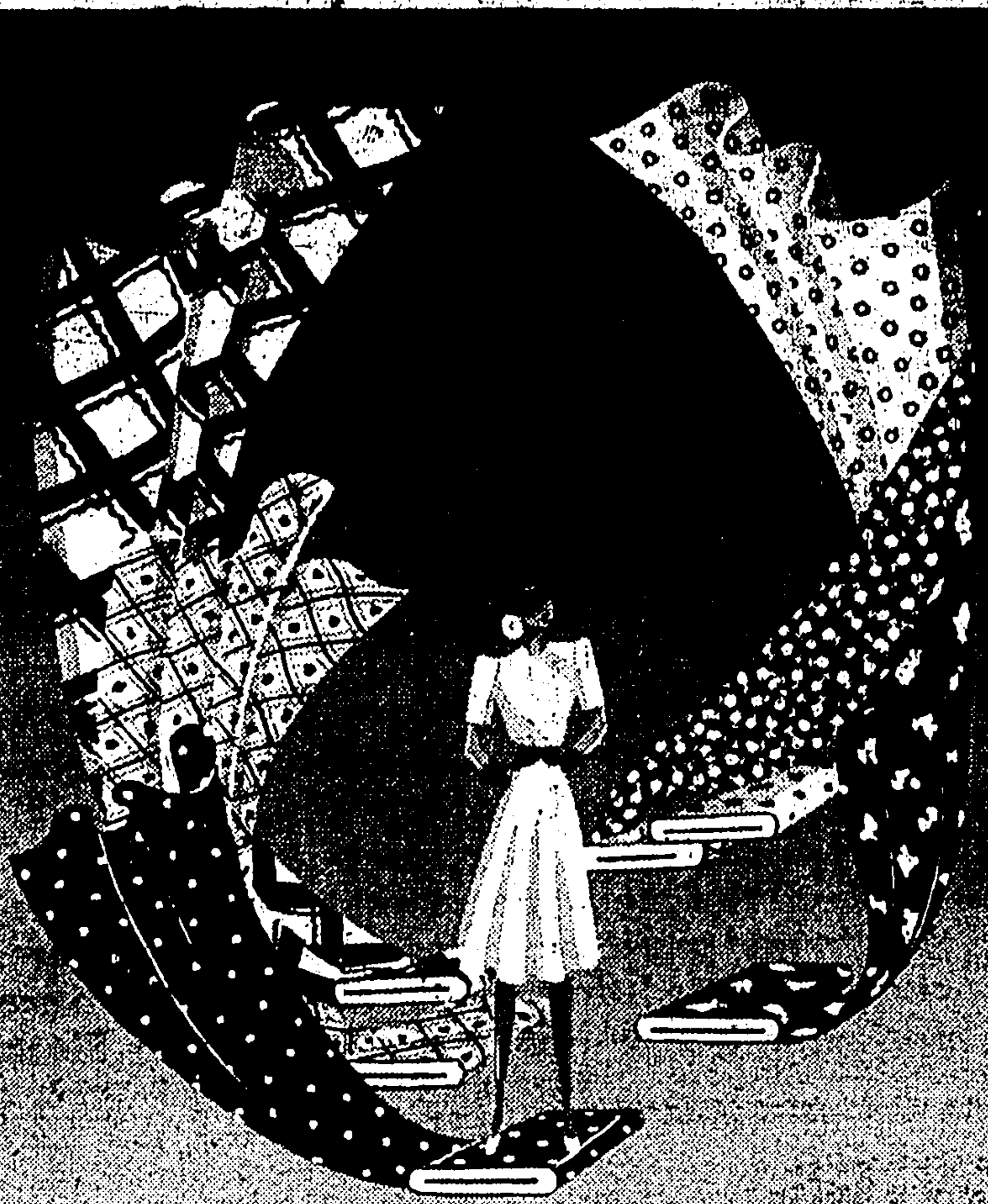


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U.S. NAVY WAR GAMES: STATUS QUO IN PACIFIC

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE IMPORTANCE THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES TO THE MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUS QUO IN THE PACIFIC IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR.

Developments of the past 24 hours have served to focus attention on the American naval manoeuvres now being held west of Hawaii under conditions of utmost secrecy.

It is believed the manoeuvres are taking place further from American shores than ever before, and it is stated that for the first time there are no journalists or photographers with the Fleet.

It is also pointed out it is unusual for the Secretary of Navy to go so far from home to watch "war games."

Well-informed circles believe that with the Trade Agreements Bill safely through Congressional storms, Secretary of State Cordell Hull is likely to devote increasing attention to Far Eastern affairs.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt yesterday expressed the hope that in the interests of peace the status quo in the whole Pacific could be maintained. He was commenting on Mr. Cordell Hull's declaration.

RUNG THE BELL

Mr. Cordell Hull's "hands off the Dutch Indies" statement has "rung the bell" in the United States.

It is generally felt that no single statement by a high United States official for months has evoked such widespread approval.

Typical headlines are: "United States bars Japan from East Indies," and "Out of Dutch Indies, Hull tells Japan."

FACTS AGAINST

The "Baltimore Sun," while declaring that America should still remain outside European entanglements, adds

it is absurd to say the United States is not interested in the maintenance of a regular flow of essential commodities such as rubber and tin.

"As to rubber we can't be isolationist if we have the mind to. The facts are against isolationism."—Reuter.

Japanese Naval Spokesman's Statement

Tokyo, To-day.

"The Japanese Navy feels grave concern for the maintenance of the status quo in the Dutch East Indies because any change in the status quo of those Islands, as a result of the European war, would mean expansion of the conflict to this part of the world," said a Navy Office spokesman. "To this, the Japanese Navy has the strongest objection particularly in view of Japan's national policy of standing out of the European war."

"If the United States feels solicitous for the maintenance of the status quo in Greenland there is no wonder why Japan feels so concerned over the fate of the Dutch East Indies because American interests in Greenland cannot stand comparison with Japan's vital interests in the Dutch East Indies."—Reuter.

U.S. CREDIT DIVERTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Credits amounting to \$55,000,000 which the United States had granted to Finland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark, and which have not been paid, will be earmarked for South American countries.

A decision to this effect followed a conference between President Roosevelt, Mr. Sumner Welles (Under-Secretary of State) and Mr. Jesse Jones (Federal Loan Administrator).

Reason for the suspension of credits to Scandinavia is the fear that they may fall into German hands in one or another form and also the difficulty of sending them through the zone of naval hostilities. — Havas

NEW FRENCH AIR LINE IN CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

As the result of an agreement signed yesterday morning between representatives of Air France and the Chinese Government, providing for the flying over Chinese territory of French planes, a new Air France line will be inaugurated shortly linking Yunnanfu and Hanoi.—Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that an anticyclone is developing over North China, and a depression is indicated in the vicinity of Hokkaido.

SUPER DREADNOUGHTS FOR U.S.

Washington, To-day. Admiral Stark, addressing the Senate naval committee yesterday, said America contemplates building super-dreadnoughts of 50,000 to 52,000 tons as an answer to Japan's reported construction of 43,000-ton battleships. At the same time, said Admiral Stark, the U.S. Navy renewed its efforts to obtain Congress approval for the construction of a large submarine and air base on the island of Guam.—Reuter.

NEW STYLE EXCHANGE BUSINESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

A number of commercial houses in Shanghai with connections in the interior have started a kind of exchange business.

The firms accept money for a specified point in the interior and allow customers a 20 to 40 per premium which is much more favourable to the customer than conditions offered by commercial banks.

The firms derive a profit from the high transfer rate prevailing for money sent from the interior to Shanghai. — Havas.

MANCHUKUO MONOPOLY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hsingking, To-day.

Government control over the Manchukuo cereal trade is to be extended to all staple products.—Havas.

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STABBED IN FIGHT

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QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, To-day.

THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S statement was the subject of questions in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon when Capt. Alan Graham (Cons. Wirral) sought an assurance that the Government did not intend to leave solely to Japan the maintenance of peace in the waters of the Netherlands East Indies in the event of the Netherlands themselves becoming a theatre of war.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that as far as the Foreign Secretary was aware the Japanese Government had made no claim to be solely responsible for the maintenance of peace in these waters.

In a statement to the press, the Japanese Foreign Minister had said the Japanese Government could not but be deeply concerned at any development consequent upon aggravation of the war in Europe which might affect the status quo in the Netherlands East Indies.

Mr. Butler added: "I need hardly say that on this question His Majesty's Government holds similar views."

Mr. Robert Morgan (Cons. Stourbridge) asked whether in case of further developments in the war affect-

ing the Far East, the Prime Minister would give an assurance that the United States would be consulted whether the adoption of a mutually agreed policy was possible.

THE PRACTICE

Mr. Butler replied it was the practice of the Government to keep the United States Government informed on all matters affecting our common interest in the Far East.

The question of future American policy in that region, however, was one on which the United States Government must naturally be the sole arbiter.—Reuter.

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FACILITATING NAZI PRESSURE ON HOLLAND?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

"IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE WHY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS THOUGHT IT NECESSARY TO RAISE THE DUTCH EAST INDIES PROBLEM UNTIL THE PROBLEM ACTUALLY AROSE," SAYS "LE TEMPS" IN AN EDITORIAL ON THE JAPANESE STATEMENT.

"Germany is maintaining a constant threat against Holland, as well as her other lesser neighbours, but no-one yet knows what Hitler's true intentions are and in which direction he will strike to escape the tightening blockade."

PRIZE COURT AND "PANAMA"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

An announcement in the newspapers this morning by the East Asiatic Company, agents for the Danish motor-vessel Panama, notifies consignees that all cargo is being discharged at Hong Kong and applications for delivery of goods must be forwarded to the Hong Kong Prize Court.—Havas.

HOLLAND MAKES POSITION CLEAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Holland's position is clear and she will not tolerate any foreign powers taking over the East Indies, is the general comment in the Dutch press, which devotes much space to world reaction to the Japanese statement and the American answer.

The "Allgemeen Handelsblad" declares: "The Japanese and American statements, as well as our widely known impartiality, make our position in the East Indies especially strong."

"The East Indies are situated in a very important strategical location and possess wealth which makes them indispensable to the economic life of almost all the big nations."

"It is not surprising to see two of the largest Powers in the region concerned expressing a desire not to see the islands pass under the domination of another nation and preferring that they remain in the hands of a small State which is strictly neutral and can have no aggressive intentions."—Havas.

"Only certain fact is that Holland would defend her independence with all her forces, and although she has constantly refused to sign agreements safeguarding her, an invasion would put into action all the moral and material forces interested in the maintenance of the Western European equilibrium."

"American public opinion has interpreted the Japanese statement as either a disquieting demonstration of Japanese imperialism or an inopportune gesture for facilitating German pressure on the Dutch Government."

Nature of Warning

"We still have to know what the Japanese intentions were when making the statement, which in certain circumstances, had the nature of a warning, as the Netherlands have made it clear they do not want protection."

"The Japanese warning was answered by an American warning which clearly means the U.S.A. wants to maintain neutrality in the Pacific Ocean but will take immediate action if that neutrality is violated."—Reuter.

AN EARLY MORNING WEDDING

THE WEDDING TOOK PLACE AT AN UNUSUALLY EARLY HOUR AT ROSARY CHURCH THIS MORNING OF MISS RUTH MARGARET WILLIAMSON, AND MR. HENRY FIELDING GREEN, OF THE A.P.C.

The Rev. Father H. de Angelis officiated, at 6 a.m., a time arranged to enable the mother of the bride, leaving the Colony by steamer at 7 a.m., to attend.

Miss Williamson, who comes from West Vancouver, wore a gown of powder blue and peach georgette, with gathered bodice, caught at the waist with a lattice-work design, and with coatee to match. She was given away by her mother, who sailed for Canada almost immediately after the ceremony.

The reception is being held at the Hong Kong Hotel this evening.

The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay.

JUNKMASTER SHOT

Lui Fat, 42, master of a fishing junk, was shot by a watchman in Chinese territory yesterday afternoon. The body was brought to Aberdeen by a boat, and was later removed to the Public Mortuary.

SOUTH SEA EXPANSION DREAMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day.

Commenting on the Japanese statement on the Dutch East Indies the "Central Daily News" says:

"A new tendency is becoming increasingly apparent in Japan to take up again her old South Seas expansion schemes and this is conclusive evidence that she considers her continental expansion has ended in failure."

"Furthermore, the South Seas climate suits the Japanese, while southern populations, with their low standard of culture, could easily be ruled over."

"Japan believes that Britain, em-

ITALO-NAZI MILITARY MISSIONS

Berlin, To-day.

According to a telegram received here an official communiqué has been issued in Rome stating that exchanges of military missions, composed of experts and technicians, are at present taking place between Italy and Germany.

Some of these missions have already arrived in Rome.—Reuter.

broiled in the European war, could not oppose her effectively in Asiatic waters, and that the United States would not engage in war with Japan for the sake of the Philippine Islands and even less readily in a war for foreign possessions."—Havas.

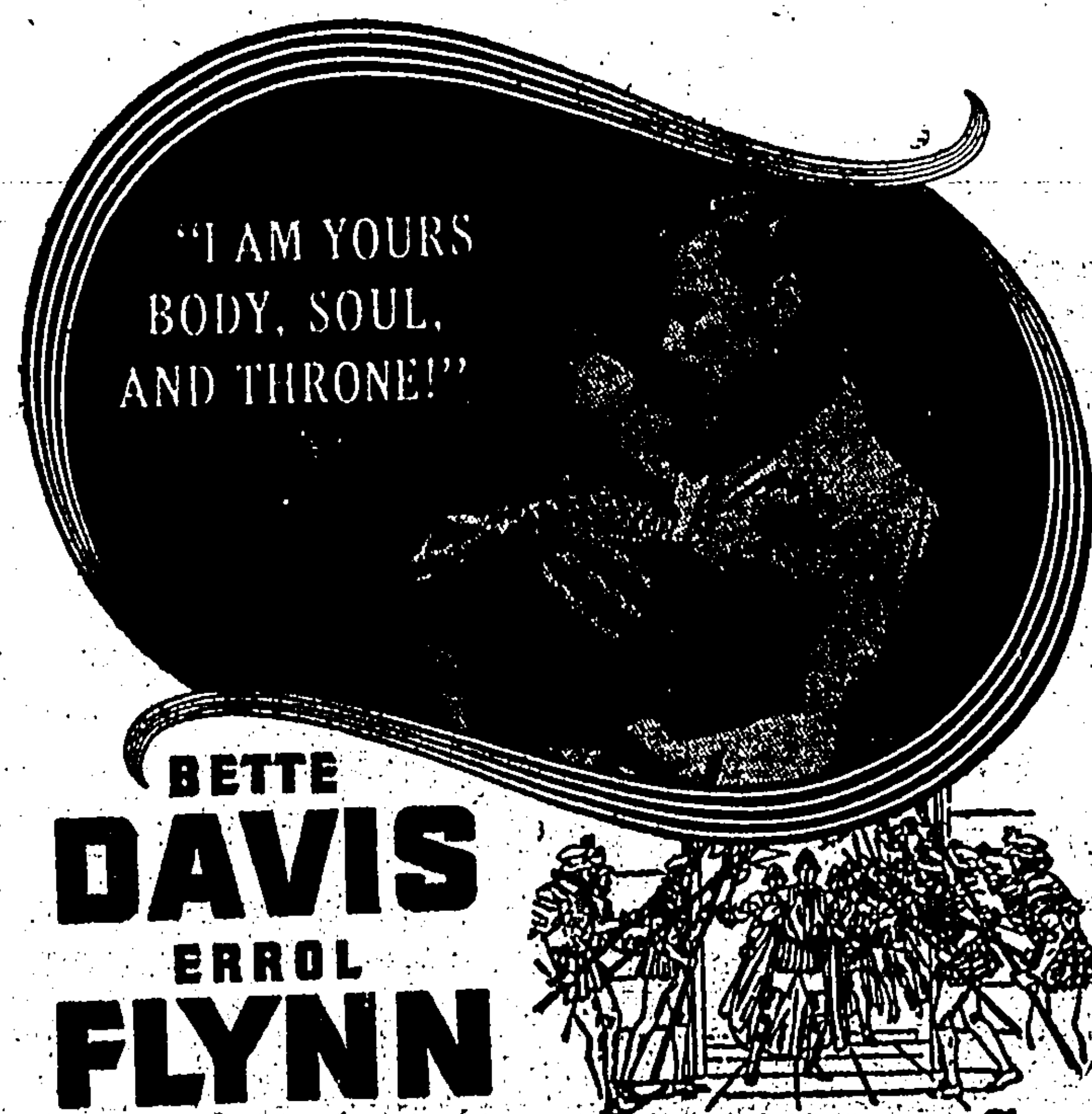
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Fong Chao-lung putting the shot at the Wah Yan College Sports. Fong set a new record of 30 feet 9 inches. He also set a new record in the High Jump with 5 ft. 7 1/2 ins.

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

Warhda, To-day.

After four days of deliberations, in which Mr. Gandhi participated, the Congress working committee has called to Congress committees throughout India to prepare for a declaration of satyagraha (civil disobedience).

The resolution recommends members of Congress who are unable to shoulder the burden of the struggle under the disciplined guidance of Congress to resign executive positions, and again emphasises the fulfilment of Mr. Gandhi's conditions for a civil disobedience campaign.—Reuter.

Final Appeal Made By Lord Zetland: Official Statements

London, To-day.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS yesterday debated on the extension of the time limit of the proclamations giving executive authority to the governors of those Indian provinces where the Congress Ministries had resigned.

Sir Hugh O'Neill, Under-Secretary for India, declared provincial government in India had not broken down and that the provinces which were working themselves comprised one-third of British India.

Millions of people in India had been staggered and deeply disappointed as the result of the conference between the Viceroy and Mr. Gandhi ending in deadlock.

Sir Hugh added: "His Majesty's Government cannot of course accept the Congress demand for complete independence.

"They note with profound regret the Congress rejection of Dominion status."

He added that compliance with the demand would mean the complete severance of India from all association with the rest of the Empire, banishment of the Crown from any place in the Indian Constitution, and throwing overboard obligations to the Muslim community and other minorities and the Princes.

Viceroy's Assurances

The Viceroy had made it clear it was the Government's policy to give full Dominion status at the earliest possible moment and to enter into examination of the whole constitutional sphere with all parties and interests in India.

None of their advances had met with any response.

If civil disobedience were resorted to the Government would be bound to take full measures to counteract it.

The orders of the Government must be carried out, especially in time of war, and he believed that the Congress leaders themselves must recognise this.—Reuter.

Lord Zetland's Speech

In the Lords, the Secretary of State for India expressed regret at the necessity for motions and shortly reviewed the history of the events leading to the resignations of Congress Party Ministers.

Lord Zetland pointed out that one-third of the population of British India resides in the provinces of Bengal, the Punjab, Sind and Assam, where Parliamentary Government was still functioning successfully, but in the other seven provinces, as a result of Congress Party's action, the Governors had been compelled to take over the administration.

The Secretary of State said that difficulties between Congress and the Muslims had not been resolved, and, until they were, there was but little prospect of progress in India towards the solution of the question of Indian Government. He again urged meetings between the responsible leaders to endeavour to come to some agree-

ment and said that belief in such a meeting although not held by Congress Party leaders had the support of such men as the Chief Justice of the Federal Court and the Prime Minister of the Punjab.

The demand of the Congress Party, Lord Zetland said, was for complete independence for India and for the drafting of the future constitution by a Constituent Assembly elected on the basis of adult suffrage. This was opposed by the Muslims and not only by them but by the leaders of the scheduled castes and the Liberal National Federation as well.

Counsel Of Despair

The resolution of the All India Muslim League which put forward a scheme involving the partition of the country into separate Muslim and Hindu States, Lord Zetland described as "something not far short of a counsel of despair."

The situation confronting the parties concerned—Congress, the Muslims the Princes and Britain was deadlock, and all more tragic, he continued, because "the interests and sympathies of the contending parties in the struggle we are waging against Nazi Germany are identical."

Lord Zetland said he thought what Britain had undertaken to do as a contribution towards a solution had not been fully understood, and continued: "Though I attach real importance to it I do not now dwell upon the offer we have made with a view to securing the cooperation of the political parties in the central government since this offer may be regarded, apart from its intrinsic merits, as an earnest of our intentions regarding the future. Let me explain. We realise that for varying reasons, the three main parties to the controversy—Congress, the All-India Muslim League and the Princes—entertain objections to the Federal provisions of the Act."

Reasonable Claim

"We have, therefore, said we are desirous of consulting those interests with a view to ascertaining the lines on which they would wish to see the provisions altered. We have made the offer because we accept the reasonableness of the claim that the Indians themselves should play a vital part in devising the sort of constitution they deem best suited to the circumstances of their country. But we have also said we cannot wholly dissociate ourselves from the shaping of the future constitution of the coun-

try and I should have thought our reasons for saying that would have been both understood and accepted as valid."

Lord Zetland recapitulated the reasons why the Government could not be dissociated from the shaping of the future Indian constitution, pointing out that the existence of the Princes was largely the result of history, the British stake in the country was equally the outcome of historical forces and, he said, however one might like to do so, it was impossible to treat historical events as if they had never happened.

Defence Of India

The defence of India, Lord Zetland said, was also a consideration as for the time being at any rate India, independent of Britain, would not be secure.

Britain, he continued, was under an obligation to minorities and for all these reasons he felt it impossible for Britain not to take part in the making of the future Indian Constitution.

He concluded by pointing out that a measure of agreement amongst the Indian communities was essential if United India was to become a reality and he appealed to the Congress Party not to close the door "upon the unity of India they themselves so passionately desire."—British Wireless.

EASTERN BONDS DOWN IN LONDON

London, To-day.

Eastern bonds declined on the Stock Exchange yesterday by one to two points on International stresses. Elsewhere trading was small and movements irregular.

J. and P. Coats' profits were £2,188,000 compared with £1,535,000 the previous year.

Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter.

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STABBING CHARGE AGAINST "CONCHY"

London, To-day.

Henry Ballentine Best, 24, of Manchester, appeared at the Manchester police court yesterday on a charge of wounding with intent to murder Judge Burgis, chairman of the Lancashire-Cheshire Conscientious Objectors Tribunal.

Judge Burgis was stabbed four times in the back at the station while awaiting the train after he had presided all day at the Tribunal in Manchester.

Best yesterday pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. He was committed to trial.

It was stated that on the day before the attack, Best appeared before the Tribunal and his application to be registered as a conscientious objector was dismissed.

Judge Burgis had not sufficiently recovered to appear in court.—Reuter.

SPY HUNT IN TURKEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Istanbul, To-day.

Special police brigades are now conducting searches of suspected aliens with great thoroughness.

This follows recent incidents including the arrest of suspected aliens who were watching ship movements on the Bosphorus shores, and the expulsion of a German "journalist" who was taking photographs in a forbidden zone.

A high official has been arrested for subversive action against the State and will be tried before a military court.—Havas.

TWO 50,000 TON SHIPS

Washington, To-day.

The Bill appropriating \$984,000,000 for the U.S. Navy during the fiscal year beginning July 1 was passed by the Senate yesterday and sent back to the House of Representatives for action on minor amendments.

The measure includes funds for laying down two new battleships which may be as large as 50,000 tons each.

Eight other U.S. battleships are already in course of construction.—Reuter.

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NAZI OUTLOOK

The true Nazi outlook is best expounded by the German airman who described, in an article recently published by every German newspaper, an attack on the Danish ships Feddy and Kondrup. "It is very difficult to hit such little ships with bombs," he wrote. "But our leader hits the first right amidships; the boiler is exploding. We embrace each other, trembling with joy."

There speaks the Nazi mind, the fine flower of Aryan culture. To this mentality the new German statements are meaningless, as meaningless as to those who invented these lies that attempt to justify what the world rightly regards as murder, whatever name it may bear. Slowly the tide of indignation against German crimes at sea is growing, and it is becoming clear that statements such as those made from Berlin are, in reality, not the foreshadowing of a new policy but a miserable attempt to meet the world's anger with some show of justification. Neutral reactions to the statements have, curiously enough, been more stern than to the horrors which preceded them, and it is significant that Senator Key Pittman, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has drawn clearly the contrast between German murder of neutrals and Allied contraband measures, which can be no more than irksome. His speech is all the more important as coming from the United States, for Germany has, so far as possible, avoided any attacks on the shipping of more powerful neutrals, and has concentrated her diabolical cruelty on Britain and the smaller neutral Powers. This change of tone is a commentary on German insensitiveness to world opinion, as expressed in these clumsy excuses, for until lately it had seemed as though neutral opinion had become in some degree inured to the sinking of ships and the loss of life. — "Sydney Morning Herald."

SHIFTING THE WAR

When Germany opens the new phase of the war with a shift to the north, making Scandinavia the trampling grounds, the pressure against France is lessened and that against Great Britain increased correspondingly. It moves from western front land warfare to Baltic naval and air warfare.

Developments are coming so fast and of such magnitude that full appraisal of the situation is impossible. It hardly is understandable that Germany should have taken the aggressive in Scandinavia to such an extent and thereby made outright and open enemies of these countries. But it must be remembered that the Hitler policy ever has been to strike with force and surprise. His theory apparently is that physical possession is worth more than moral arguments and sentiment.

The geography of the case and the state of affairs as to military strength make Denmark easy prey in a sudden thrust. In the absence of defensive forces from the outside resistance is useless, but that does not mean that ultimate victory is attained by seizure. — "Manila Bulletin."

NOT INCOMPETENCE

The conversion of India to nationhood ought not to be held up by incompetence. There is nothing preventing the swift attainment of Dominion status but disagreement between Congress and the minorities and the Princes. The obvious thing to do is to work for agreement. Self-government is an art that must be learned while there is cement to hold the fabric together. — "The Statesman," Calcutta.

COMPULSORY SERVICE

The decision of the Australian Government to continue military training on a basis of compulsion shows no valid reason why Labour should strongly oppose the introduction of conscription. The method of conscription is entirely consistent with the principles of democracy. It takes the son of the rich man and of the poor man and trains them together so that in the event of an invasion of their country they will be able to put up an efficient defence. For many years Britain, from which our laws, institutions and traditions derive, stood out against it, but the logic of facts proved that the country in need should insist on the citizen's duty. The voluntary system is full of inequity and inequality of sacrifice. The experience of the last war is fresh in the memory of many of us. Those whose devotion to their country led them to enlist came back to find slackers firmly entrenched in the posts they had left. — "Sydney Sun."

SOUTH AFRICA

The debate has shown plainly that General Hertzog never was a neutral at all, and that he has never considered the interests of South Africa, and that he has been led down a pro-Hitler cul-de-sac. Parliament for the honour interests of South Africa has emphatically rejected his leadership. — "Cape Argus."

Although General Hertzog was much concerned with the injustice of Versailles, he never made a move in the past to return South-West Africa to Germany. On the contrary he declared that the Union was determined to hold on to South-West Africa and to defend her citizens there. — "Die Suiderster."

There can be little doubt that General Hertzog's speech marks the beginning of the end. It will lose him the sympathy and support of a large number of his fellow countrymen, for not even loyalty to a respected leader can be stretched to the extent of accepting his glorification of Hitler and Nazism. — "East London Dispatch."

The numerical result of the debate was never in doubt. The same cannot be said for the psychological and emotional causes of it. General Hertzog set the course for a discussion which reflected the arguments of the common people in the street with remarkable accuracy, and it is in terms of the debate that the country is divided. It will divide the Union for half a century, and lend to the coming decades something of the nature of an internal war. In such an atmosphere it is useless to hope that South Africa will easily return to a more settled and more pacific course. No further argument is likely to change the present situation in the Union. Wise statesmanship and a broad appreciation of the tasks ahead can prevent the danger of aggravating a situation so delicate that any foolish or provocative word or action might irreparably damage. — "Natal Witness."

NO COMPROMISE

There can be no compromise with the Nazi regime of barbaric beastliness and vindictive violence. Let it be understood that any mere shuffling of Nazi personalities, as for example the substitution of Goering for Hitler, will make no difference. A Nazi is a Nazi whether his name is Hitler or Goering. Nazi rule and Nazi blackmail must go. — Mr. Herbert Morrison.

ALLIED ATTACK ON TRONDHEIM

"A Matter Of Hours"

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.
GERMAN TROOPS IN THE TRONDHEIM REGION ARE MAKING HASTY PREPARATIONS TO MEET THE EXPECTED ATTACK BY BRITISH AND NORWEGIAN FORCES, ACCORDING TO A TELEPHONED MESSAGE FROM NORDLI.

The message says that reports that British units landed at Namsos, 80 miles north of Trondheim, caused great optimism throughout central Norway.

Reports from central Norway suggest that an Allied offensive may be launched in a matter of hours. Mobilisation of Norwegian forces in this area is stated to be complete.

German reinforcements are being rushed from southern Norway in giant transport planes.

H.K. BOY FOLLOWS IN BROTHER'S FOOTSTEPS

The much-coveted Peace Memorial Scholarship has been won this year by a Hong Kong boy, William Pryde, son of Mr. Walter Pryde, of the P.W.D.

Pryde's success, which was notified in a telegram received in the Colony from Shanghai this morning, was all the more notable in that the Scholarship, previously awarded to two boys in China and Hong Kong, is now only awarded to one boy, whose parents must have been resident in China or Hong Kong for three years.

The Scholarship, which is worth £1,350, allows the winner his own choice of a university at which to study for four years.

Walter Pryde, elder brother of William, is a previous winner of the Scholarship, and is now in his third year at Cambridge.

Winners of the Scholarship must take one of four courses—electrical engineering, synthetic chemistry, practical agriculture or horticulture.

TURKISH INTERNAL SECURITY

ANKARA, TO-DAY.
A BILL ENSURING "NATIONAL SAFETY FROM WITHIN" WILL SHORTLY BE INTRODUCED AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TURKISH PARLIAMENT.

Military courts will be established at each army corps headquarters for the trial of offences coming under the category of:

Firstly, espionage;
Secondly, knowingly spreading false news detrimental to the country's interests, and
Thirdly, spreading of false news relating to national defence or divulging of military secrets.
Those found guilty will be liable to severe penalties from which there is no appeal. — Reuter.

British planes are reported to have destroyed five German aircraft in raids on the airfields at Stjordal and Varnes, near Trondheim.

It is also stated that seven German planes were destroyed and a direct hit scored on a petrol dump during Tuesday's raid on Trondheim.

ADVANCE ON NARVIK

In the North, another British force is reported to be advancing on Narvik, part of which still appears to be in German hands.

An observer who accompanied a Norwegian detachment which was forced over the Swedish frontier stated that a large body of British troops, including Canadian ski parties, landed at a fjord north of Narvik, from which there are good communications southwards.

The British had artillery, which the Germans in Narvik are known to lack. — Reuter.

Allies In Contact

London, To-day.

Reuter learns the Norwegian Government has received a report from the Norwegian commander in north Trondelag that Norwegian forces have made contact with the Allied forces by sea and air. — Reuter.

Namsos Landing

Stockholm, To-day.

According to a press report from central Sweden it seems certain that British troops have landed at Namsos. — Reuter.

No Clear Picture

London, To-day.

News of the fighting in Norway arrived in London yesterday from many sources, but there is still no clear picture, especially as many of the messages are based on hearsay.

Apparently, there has been little change in southern Norway, where the Germans are making small progress around Oslo and, indeed, at present seem to be concerned with consolidating their positions. There are no reports regarding Bergen.

In the centre, the Germans are trying to establish themselves at Trondheim and to control the railway to the Swedish frontier.

North of that, most of the messages are concerned with Narvik, where they report "much activity." There is no indication of any battle-front being formed as yet in that area. — Reuter.

Landings Continue

London, To-day.

A War Office communique states: "The landing of British troops in Norway continues. Contact has been made with Norwegian forces and operations are proceeding." — Reuter.

SPEARFISH GETS LUCKY BREAK

London, To-day.

Crews lined the decks with thumbs up as the submarine Spearfish entered port yesterday.

The men related their successful attack on the Nazi pocket-battleship Admiral Scheer.

Spearfish had endured nightmare experiences earlier in the day and were not expecting anything like the wonderful opportunity presented to them when the Scheer was spotted.

The attack lasted only a few minutes and as Spearfish was escaping, the impact of torpedoes on the German warship was clearly audible. — Reuter.

SPY SENTENCED

Ghent, To-day.

A Belgian military court yesterday condemned a German former racing cyclist, Werner Mielke, to seven years' detention for espionage. — Reuter.

BRITISH STEAMER'S ORDEALS

London, To-day.

The British steamer Swainby (5,000 tons) was torpedoed off the north Scottish coast yesterday; the crew of 38 landed in their own boats.

The Swainby was engaged in shipping iron ore and had reached Narvik a few hours after the German occupation.

The Swainby while entering Narvik was accompanied by the steamer Nyanza. The latter's captain was suspicious of the pilot, who looked German.

The pilot took the Swainby in first and no further news of her was received until last night.

Meanwhile the Nyanza was warned by a Polish destroyer and left. — Reuter.

HEAVY FOG IN HARBOUR

A heavy fog blanketed the harbour this morning compelling ferry-boats, motor and steam launches and other craft to navigate with extreme caution to prevent accidents.

Visibility varied, from 20 yards at some points to 500 yards at others.

Gongs were sounded on the wharves of the ferry companies to guide ferry boats, while all craft in the harbour kept sirens going busily.

Ferries took from 15 to 20 minutes to cross.

FLORRIE FORDE DEAD

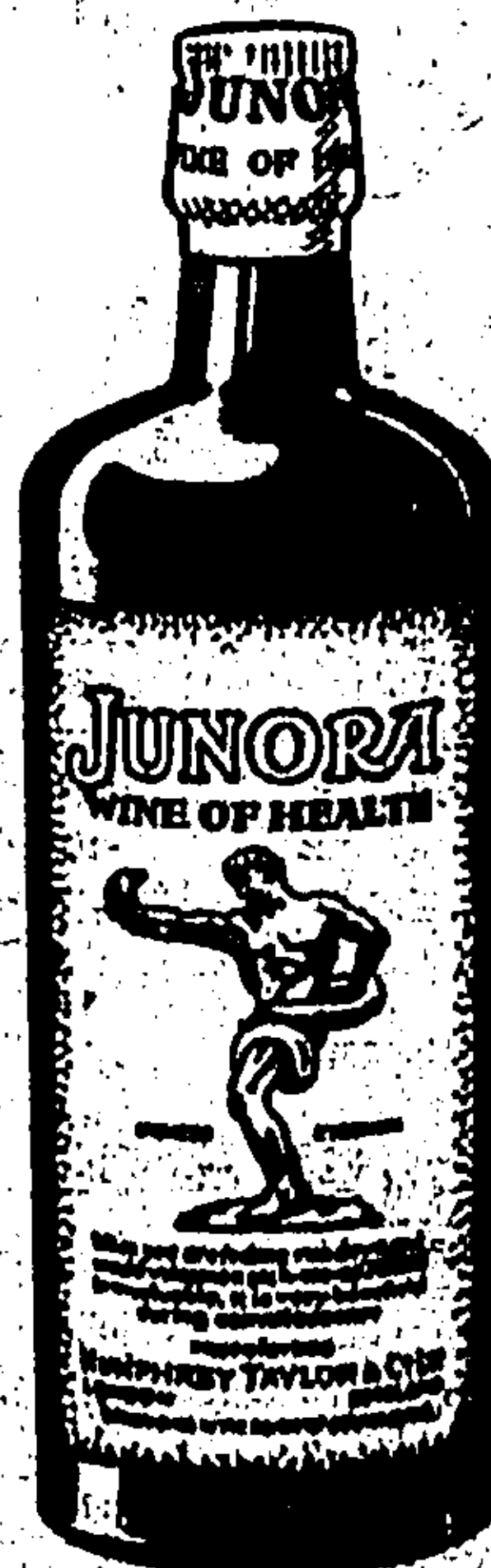
London, To-day.

The famous music hall artiste, Florrie Forde, died yesterday. — Reuter.

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NARVIK NAVAL BATTLE

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LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE BERLIN HIGH COMMAND HAS ISSUED THEIR VERSION OF THE NAVAL BATTLE AT NARVIK, DESCRIBING IT AS "THE FULL STORY OF THE HEROIC FIGHT OF LIGHT GERMAN NAVAL FORCES OFF NARVIK."

The Nazi version states the German destroyers, commanded by Commodore Bonte (subsequently reported killed) entered the west fjord in darkness and most unfavourable weather.

WANG HAS HOPES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

"The European war gives us the best opportunity we have ever had of getting rid of the semi-colonial status imposed on us," declares the organ of Wang Ching-wei.

"The European conflict certainly will have repercussions in Asia which will create a difficult situation for us, but simultaneously we must take advantage of the situation while the big powers are busy elsewhere to re-take the concessions and abolish unequal treaties.

"We must establish Sino-Japanese co-operation for the exploitation of China's natural resources without nefarious foreign interference."—Reuter.

EXTENSION OF BLOCKADE TO PACIFIC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The question of war contraband reaching Germany via Russia is of paramount importance and may prompt the Allies to extend the blockade to the Pacific, informed circles again stated yesterday.—Havas.

WEAKNESS AFTER FEVER

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CONFISCATIONS IN MANCHUKUO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hsingking, To-day.

The police have confiscated 1,200 carloads of cereals which merchants tried to smuggle through North China. The cereals included kao-liang, millet and maize, for which regulations insist on a severe export control.—Havas.

CURRENCY CONTROL RELAXED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

A new decree promulgated by the Peiping authorities reduces from \$800 to \$200 the maximum cash allowed to be taken by passengers on ships plying between North and Central China.

The amount now allowed to third class passenger is \$100.—Havas.



Mr. Wong Yee Wah and Miss Chan Tin Chee, whose wedding took place yesterday. (King's Studio).

ALLIED SEA SUPREMACY

New York, To-day.

The "New York Times" commenting on Admiral Stark's evidence before the Senate naval committee, says: "In the Admiral's opinion there is no evidence that Allied supremacy on the seas is threatened.

"Of naval losses in the war, aircraft have been responsible for only one sinking, that of the British destroyer Gurkha. A British super-dreadnought was hit by a bomb from the air but the damage was negligible."—Reuter.

TRAFFIC OFFENCE

P. J. Green, of Butterfield and Swire, summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for leaving his car unattended in Chater Road on April 6, was fined \$5.

BRITISH SHIPPING IN STRONG POSITION

London, To-day.

SIR ARTHUR SALTER, of the Ministry of Shipping, stated last night that allowing for new construction, capture and purchase, Britain has well over 99 per cent. as much tonnage as at the outbreak of war.

Our average monthly rate of loss hitherto has been 88,000 tons, compared with 154,000 over the whole four years of the last war.

Losses to the German merchant navy by capture, sinking or scuttling have been three times as great as British losses, and amounted to one-tenth of the German total tonnage.

Danish vessels in Danish ports had fallen under German control but the great bulk of Danish ships and almost all Norwegian ships happily were elsewhere and can continue on their lawful occasions.

We were bound to take measures to prevent German orders being obeyed and Danish ships earning money for the Germans.—Reuter.

Few Exceptions

Sir Arthur Salter reviewing the effects of the first seven months of war at sea on Britain's mercantile marine, said the enemy had tried every known form of attack, by U-boat, by raiders, by floating and Magnetic mines, by bombing and machine-gunning from air.

He has been restrained, neither by the rules of law nor considerations of humanity nor with a few exceptions—by the honourable traditions of seafaring men.

And what was the result. "The German Navy was weak in relation to ours last September; it is now much weaker—especially since the operations of this last week. The German mercantile marine has been swept from the ocean of the world and is now sheltering in neutral ports or shut within the Baltic.

But even this has not given it safety. About one tenth has been captured, sunk or scuttled—three times the proportion of loss sustained by our own mercantile marine though the latter has been freely sailing in all seas except the Baltic.

One Problem

In this seven months, the enemy have destroyed less than 3% of our ships and we have replaced nearly all these by new building, capture and purchase.

In one respect the Allies were worse off in regard to importing cargo capacity than last time. Now they have to pay cash for purchases in the United States which forced them to buy more.

from distant countries and less than they otherwise would from the greatest industrial country on one of the shortest ocean routes.

Sir Arthur Salter also warned the audience against assuming that losses by enemy action would always be as low as they had been during the last 4 weeks.

Referring to Danish ships, he said that those which obeyed German orders would be seized and confiscated. Danish ships coming voluntarily to Allied ports would be treated generously and compensated.

As to Norwegian ships, the Allies were cooperating with the Norwegian Government and owners in enabling these to sail under our flag upon their proper work. He mentioned, as an example of Allied aid, that arrangements were being made to provide valid insurance.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE BRING ONE BENEFIT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

Peiping's telephone system, generally conceded to be the worst in the world, is at last being reorganised, and 10,000 brand-new automatic telephones have been ordered by the Japanese-controlled North China Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Work on a new telephone exchange has already started.—Havas.

RUMANIA AND RUSSIA REACH AGREEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Reports reaching here state that Soviet Russia and Rumania have completed an accord making it possible for the troops on both frontiers to be withdrawn a distance of 10 kilometres.—Havas.

SINKINGS ON SIGHT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

According to reports reaching here, the commander of the U-boat which sank the British ship, Stancliffe told the crew that from May onwards every ship sighted would be sunk, and that none would be spared.—Havas.

News Snack Bar

MILITIA FACE UP TO NAZIS' GUNFIRE

SOME OF Britain's youngest troops have just had their baptism of fire in France, writes a war correspondent.

They were a night working party. Shells exploded around them or whined overhead through the night.

Several Very lights were fired by the Germans, illuminating the rolling countryside for miles around. When the bombardment began the sergeant in charge told his men to down tools and take up their weapons in readiness for a Nazi attack.

HE'S A WINNER --SO ARE HIS EYELASHES

Jean de la Lune, who won the Ford Selling Handicap Steeple-chase at Fontwell Park is unique among racehorses. He has sweeping eyelashes five inches long.

He was bred in France and is the envy of every filly in training.

Gas Masks In Italy

Mussolini had a conversation with his Minister of Defence about the distribution of gas masks and the building of air-raid shelters.

Saw Bad Language

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The badge, states an Admiralty announcement should be awarded as from the date of qualification.

Cheaper Beer

For B.E.F.

British bottled beer sold to the troops and airmen in France from N.A.A.F.I. stores has again been reduced in price and is 4½d. a bottle of approximately one pint.

When the troops first arrived in France the price was 8½d. per bottle. A fortnight ago it was cut to 7d., which left the beer still in the class of luxury commodities. There was another small decrease a few days later.

"Many of the men in the party were very young, little more than boys," the sergeant told me. "This was their first experience under fire, but they behaved splendidly and showed no sign of fear."

This party was held up for six hours longer than expected owing to the extreme danger of attempting to return to their base through a belt which was continuously under shell-fire.

At one point a shell burst within a few yards of an outpost position. Fortunately the position was so strongly constructed that flying shrapnel did not penetrate and the men in it were safe.

VILLAGE SHELLED

An officer whom I saw in a village in the forward area told me that he counted sixteen shells fired in a quarter of an hour. The village, occupied by the British, is in easy range of enemy guns. Although shells can frequently be heard passing over, it has not yet suffered any damage.

The war is living up. Where British and French face the Germans across no-man's-land in front of the Maginot Line, the enemy are doing a good deal more shelling. The Allies' guns always reply.

Although the amount of artillery fire is negligible compared with the heavy bombardments of the last war, it seems as if the Germans, who must take the initiative, intend to be more active.

On neither side is there indiscriminate shelling. The enemy realise that retaliation would follow, and have so far refrained from deliberate shelling of villages. Most of their fire is directed at French batteries, but without much success.

Swan, Run Over,

Swims On

A swan strolling down a crowded Pembroke street got frightened and flew against a bus, which ran over it.

But an authority on bird life revived the swan, which later swam gracefully down the river.

Taxes His Own

Salary

The Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of Jamaica, Sir Arthur Richards, will during the period of the war voluntarily pay back to the Treasury 10 per cent. of his salary owing to the financial condition of the colony. Normally, he pays no taxes.



"Daily Herald"
Swastik and Siegfried
"Der trouble mit you, Swastik, is you haf no stomach for war."
"Der trouble mit me, Siegfried, is I haf der stomach for food."

London.

War Office Man Told To Be

More Discreet

A man said at Clerkenwell County Court, London, that he was employed in a department of the War Office, situated in a town which he named.

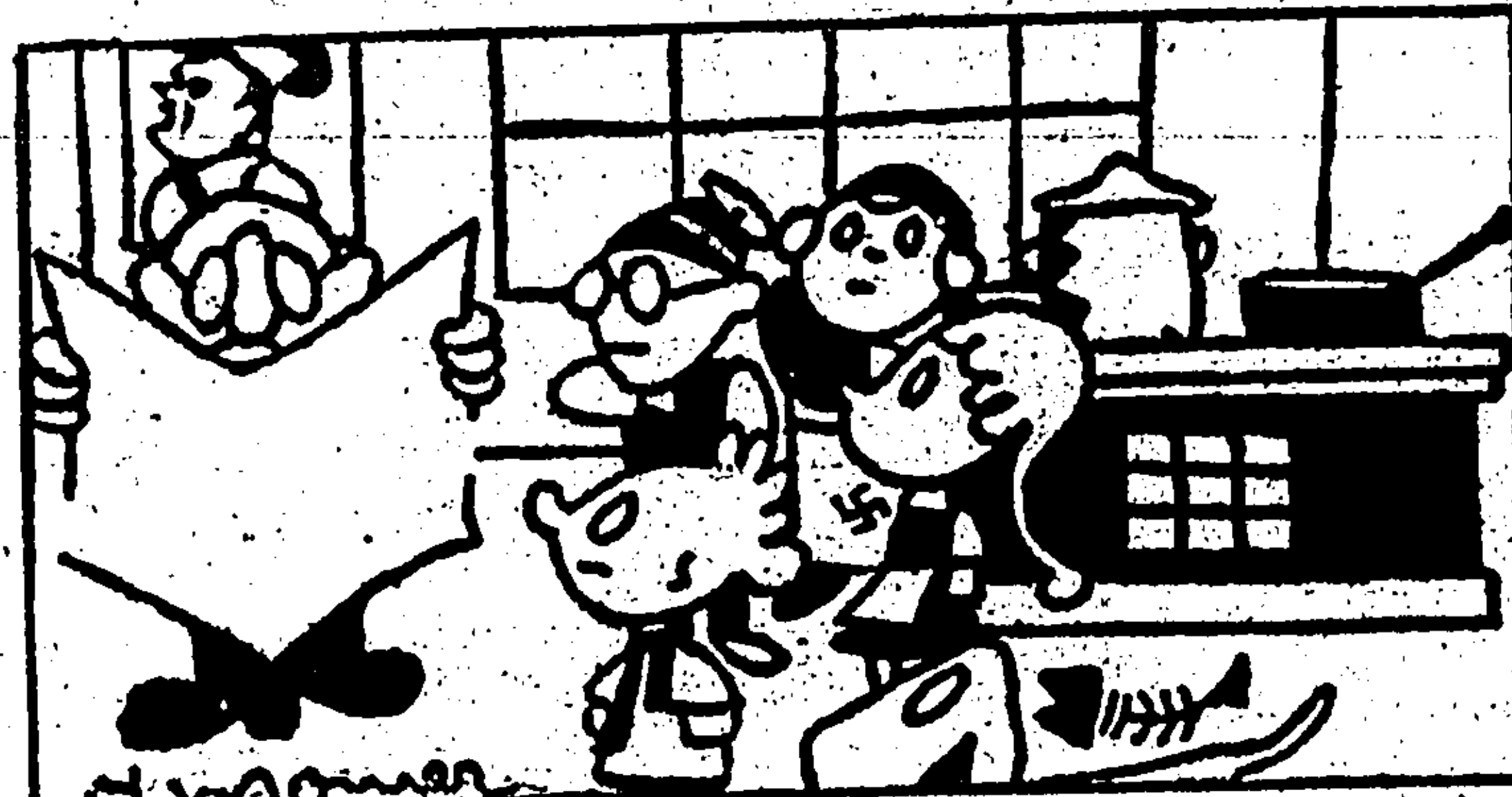
"I should have thought," said Mr. Registrar Friend, "that a clerk in the War Office would have been more discreet than to say where any of its departments were now situated."

Says Ministers Should Confess Their Sins

"It would be a good thing if Cabinet Ministers had to confess their sins," said Father Vincent McNabb, at a Catholic conference in Nottingham.

"You are never safe from a person who won't acknowledge his sins. I have never known a politician who has gone out in sackcloth and ashes and confessed his sins."

"In fact, some of them are quick-change artists and qualify for new positions by their failure in others."



"L'Œuvre"
"Well, children, our good Dr. Goebbels says that France is suffering from a serious shortage of coffee."
"What is coffee, Daddy?"

Paris.

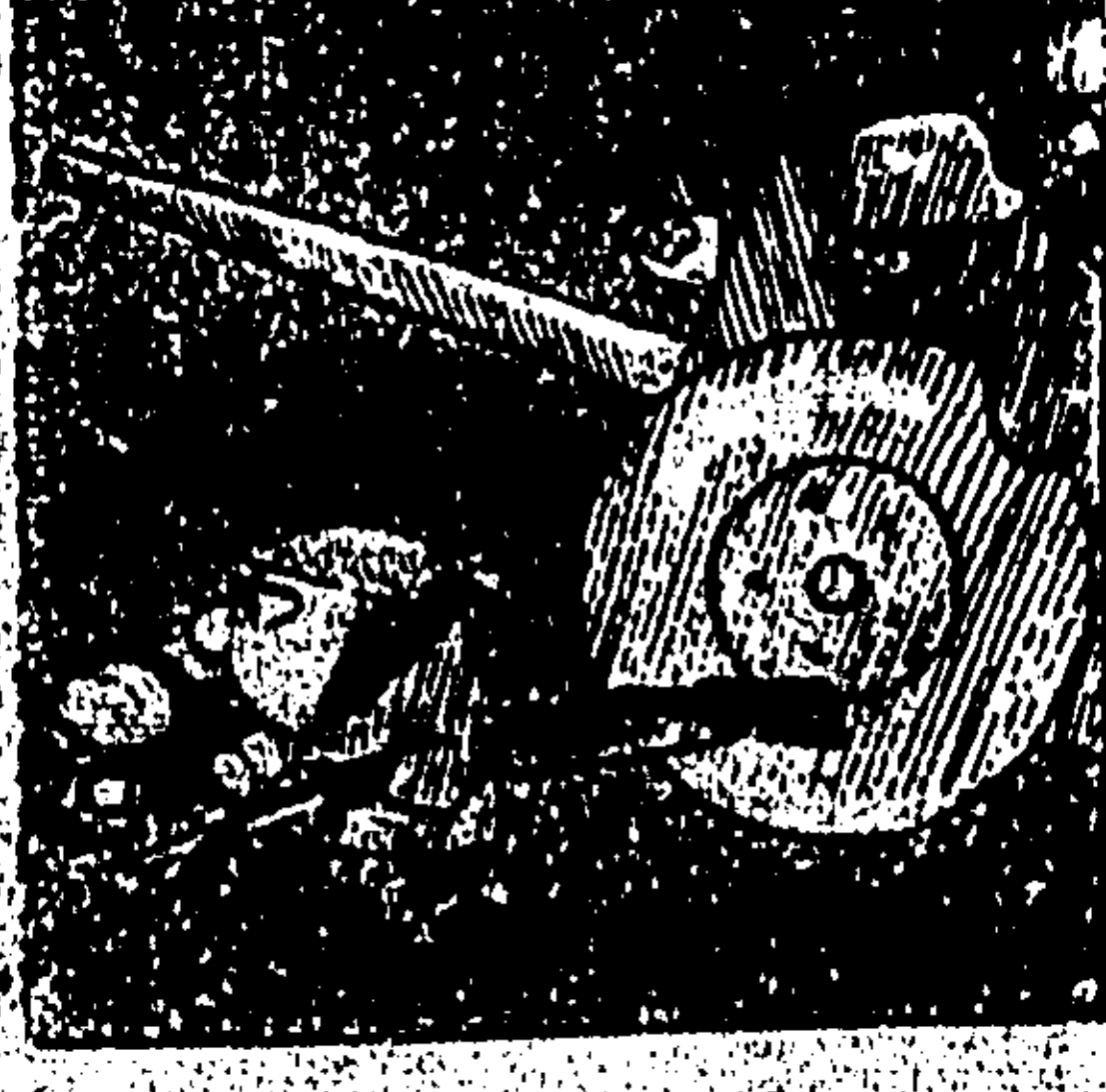
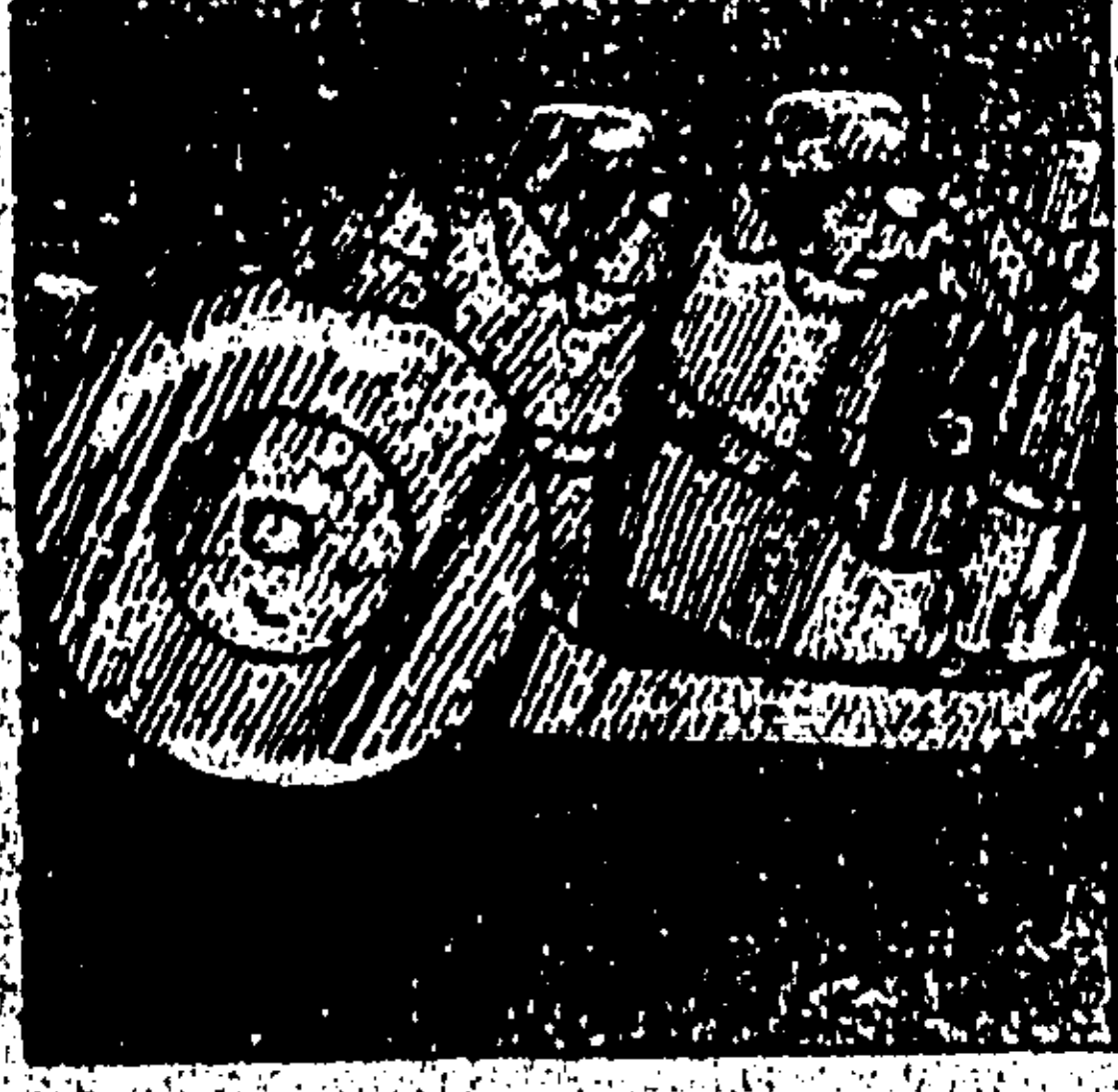
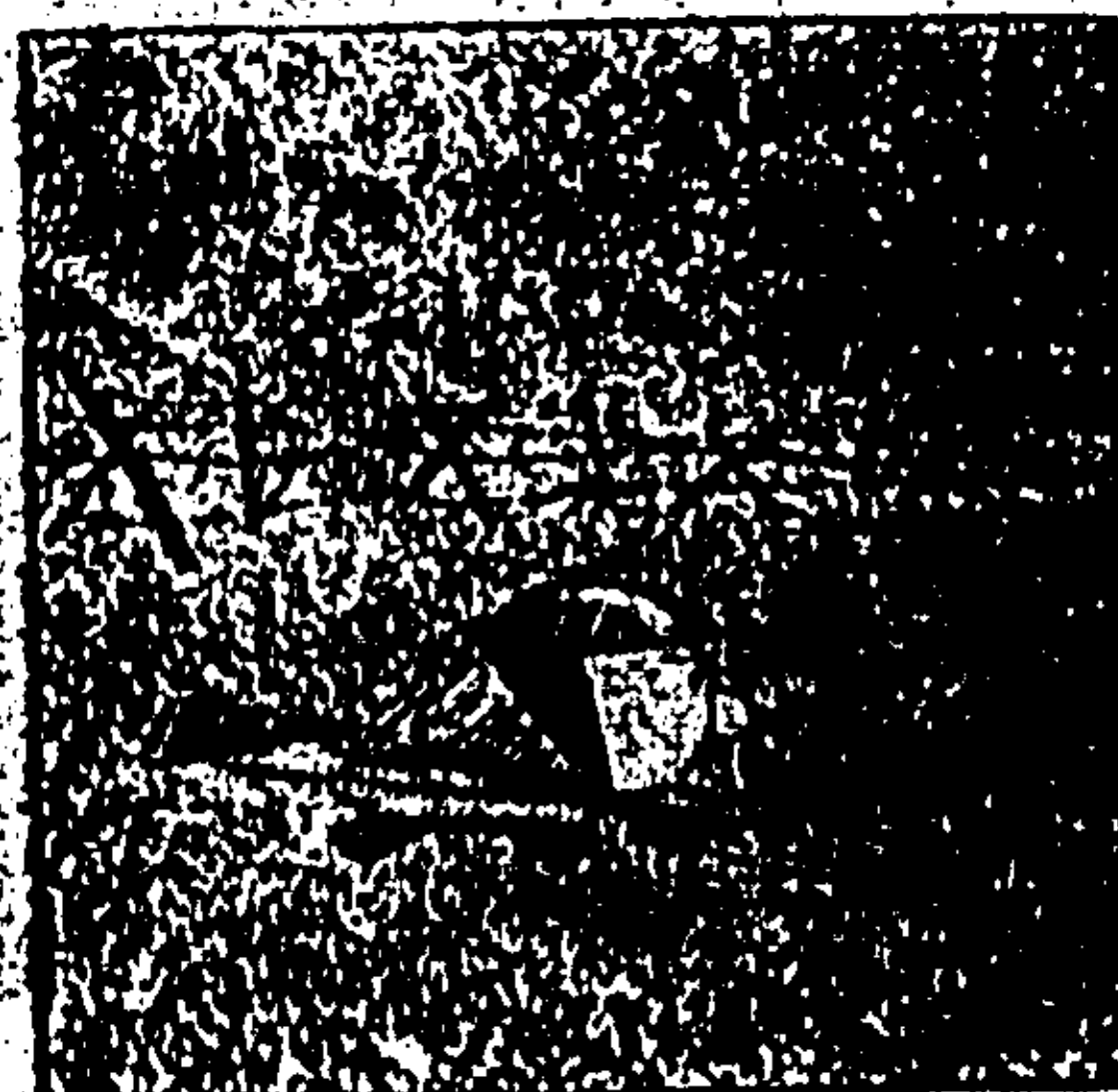
Find British Parachute

A British parachute recovered from the sea near the Dogger Bank was taken into Esbjerg by a Danish fishing-boat.

The parachute bore a British factory label.

Belgian Frontier Shots

A sentry posted near the Belgian frontier in the Limburg Province fired when he saw suspicious shadow. Men ran away after the shots and later it was discovered that parts of a gun had been taken.—Associated Press.





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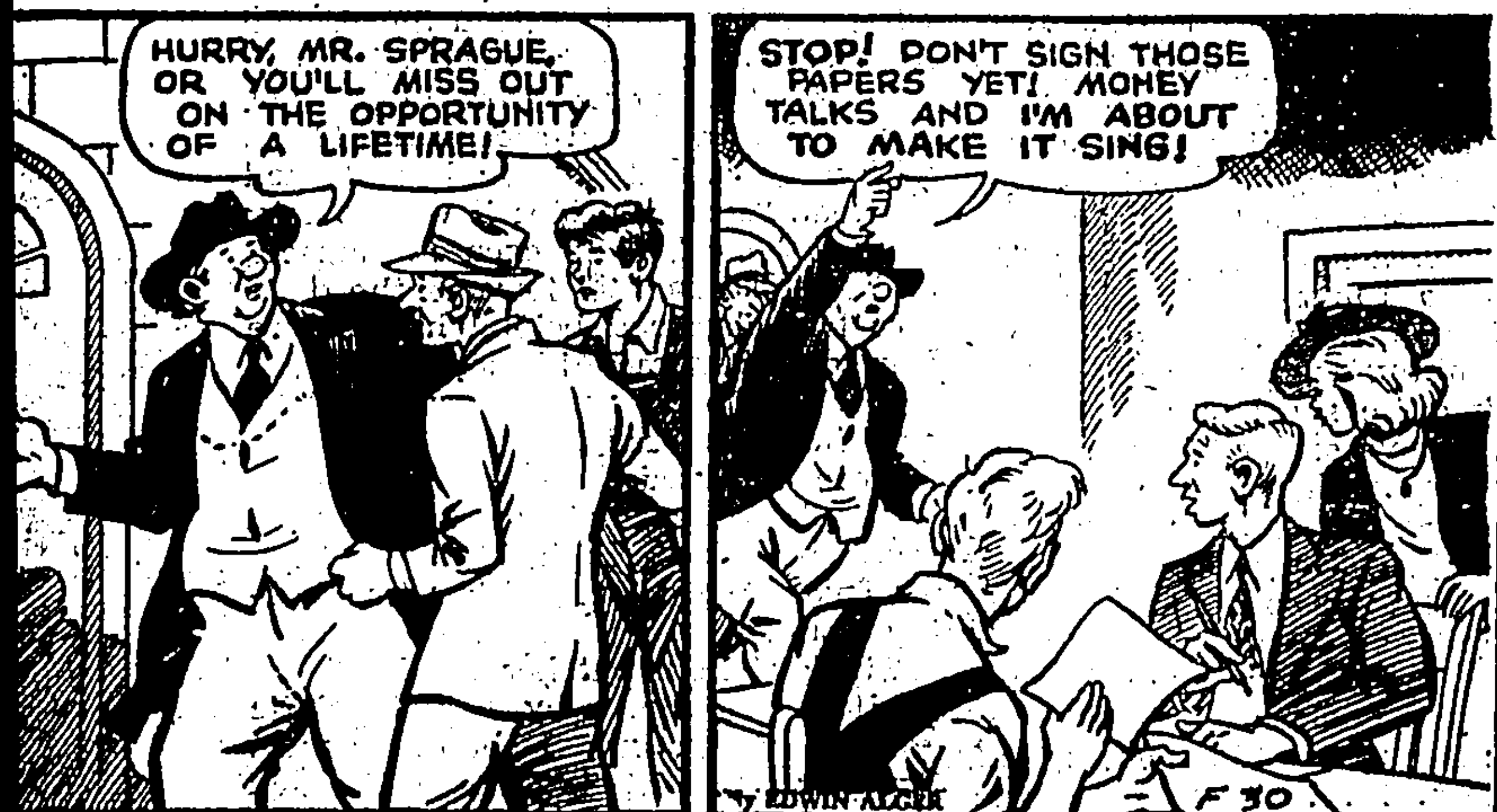
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SHORT STORY

WOLVES' CLOTHING

By Captain A. O. Pollard,
"V.C., M.C., D.C.M."

"What I'd like more than anything is to meet a few real crooks," said Alfred Dawson innocently. "Not to be one of them, I don't mean. But just so that I could talk to them occasionally and learn some of their secrets. Hobnob with them, I suppose you'd call it."

Bill Smithers chuckled heartily. The idea of this mild-mannered little man mixing in the society of the underworld tickled him immensely.

"They would probably want you to muck in with them," he declared facetiously. "There aren't any flies on you, Mister, I'll be bound."

Oblivious of the sarcasm, Alf Dawson grinned self-consciously, and called for another round of drinks. Although it was out of his turn he felt that Smithers should be rewarded for his discernment.

The two men had scraped acquaintance on the train whilst returning from Kempton Park and, at Smithers' suggestion, had turned into "The Case is Altered" for a glass of beer before parting company.

Occupied in paying for his order, Dawson did not see his companion make a sign behind his back and was pleasantly surprised when Smithers leaned forward and whispered hoarsely in his ear.

"Don't look round too sudden-like, but there's one of them over there now," he confided.

He nodded towards the further end of the bar and, despite the warning, Dawson turned eagerly. A man of about fifty years of age was perched on a stool engrossed with the racing results in the evening paper.

Dressed in a black and white check suit, with a rusty bowler tilted to the back of his head, he bore all the earmarks of one well-acquainted with turf lore.

Realising he was the centre of their interest, he looked up and winked solemnly. Then, finishing the drink in front of him, he walked across and joined them.

"Do either of you gents want a cert for the 2 o'clock to-morrow?" he asked confidentially.

His voice was slightly husky and he spoke out of one corner of his mouth without moving his lips. Dawson was delighted: here was a member of the underworld without a doubt. This man must be cultivated.

"Who doesn't?" he encouraged. Then, remembering that a man of the world would appear sceptical, he laughed. "I've heard that sort of thing before, you know. A cert indeed, what do you take us for?"

He spoke contemptuously with the intention of rousing the tipster to argue. Instead he shrugged his shoulders gloomily.

"I might have known gents like you would be on to it," he grumbled. "My name ought to be Stale News instead of Joe Higgins. Well, so long."

He nodded and turned away; in another moment he would be gone. Dawson saw his chance of learning about the real thing evaporating before his eyes.

"Half a minute, Mr. Higgins; don't be in such a hurry—Have a drink?"

The magic phrase halted Joe Higgins in his stride.

"Will a duck swim?" he leered, pulling up a stool and settling himself comfortably. "I suppose you gents are just back from Kempton like me?" he asked conversationally. "It's been what I call a bookie's day, but they didn't fool old Joe. I come away with a cool fifty pun. That's something like a day's racing now, ain't it?"

Dawson was filled with admiration. He was actually talking to a man who lived by his wits. £50 won in a day. It was superb.

"What's it to be, Mr. Higgins? And you, Smithers?"

But Smithers declined. He had had enough of this mug. When first they met he had thought he might be a good prospect for a "touch," but a glance at his wallet had revealed that he was not worth bothering about.

"You must have had a lot of interesting adventures, Mr. Higgins," prompted Dawson when the two were alone. "I bet you could tell a thing or two if you chose."

Joe Higgins accepted his cue with alacrity.

"Adventures, my dear boy? If you only knew the half of them. I don't want to boast, but I doubt if there's another man in London who's knocked about as much as I have. Adventures! Ha, ha! I give you my word."

He winked knowingly and half emptied his glass. Dawson followed suit.

"Tell me some of them," he begged. "I haven't had as much experience as you have."

Joe became suddenly wary. "You ain't a rozzer?" he asked apprehensively.

Dawson giggled self-consciously. "Fancy you thinking I might be connected with the Yard," he said proudly. "It's rather useful to be taken for a cop sometimes though."

Joe nodded understandingly. This guy was as green as they come.

"I'm glad you ain't one all the same; I don't want to spill none of my secrets to the police. I been caught that way once before."

It hardly needed the persuasion of a fresh drink to urge him to tell the story. One yarn led to another: Dawson listened avidly, with scarcely an interruption except to attend to the solemn rite of refilling the glass which lubricated the machinery of his hero's loquacity.

With such an attentive audience Joe felt that he could really let himself go. Starting fairly mildly, his tales gradually became more thrilling as he sounded the credence of his listener.

"I wish I could take part in one of these jobs," sighed Dawson regretfully when Joe had related the story of a smash-and-grab raid in which he had filled the role of keeping a look-out for the police. "You must have nerves of steel, Mr. Higgins."

Joe responded to the flattery with another expressive wink. He was enjoying himself immensely. It was an unusual experience for him to find anyone so bereft of common sense as to believe what he said and buy him unlimited drinks at the same time. They were on whiskies and soda now.

"You remember the Gold Cup being pinched at Seven Queen's Park?" he asked softly.

He was referring to a notorious theft which had occurred earlier in the year and which had completely baffled Scotland Yard as well the local County police.

"Did you have a hand in that too?" asked Dawson breathlessly.

Joe glanced furtively over his shoulder.

"Yes, I was one of the gang what took it," he confided out of the corner of his mouth.

"Really? That's a knock-out and no mistake."

Thrilled at the prospect of learning a secret unknown outside the underworld, Dawson ordered fresh drinks. This spree was worth every penny he was spending on it. But Joe must not be heard by anyone else.

Fully realising the importance of the occasion he too glanced round the bar.

It was then that he saw her. She was seated by herself at a table near the door. Though overdressed and extravagantly made-up, there was a certain amount of character in her face which differentiated her from most of her kind.

Catching Dawson's eye, she grimaced disparagingly towards Joe's unconscious back and raised a finger to her forehead. Dawson turned abruptly away to hide a smile. She might consider Joe as no more than a garrulous old fool, but she would form a very different opinion if she could hear what he was saying.

"Tell me about the Gold Cup," he begged. "I bet the police wouldn't half like to hear what happened."

"They would that," agreed Joe emphatically. "Why, the Inspector in charge nearly lost his coat over it. They moved him to another district, and I hear the new man—he's from somewhere up north, I believe—he's sworn to get the gang if it's the last thing he ever does. Not that he's likely to have his wish. It'd be a ten year stretch for any of us if they even guessed we had a hand in it."

He took a pull at his glass and lit a fresh cigarette.

"As I was saying," he resumed. "The cops have it in for us because we made such utter fools out of them." He chuckled reminiscently. "The enclosure was thick with them. There was two on 'em especially detailed to watch over the cup where it stood on a table surrounded by ropes—like a boxing ring, it was."

"And, we come along and lifted it right under their noses. One minute it were there; the next it had gone. Quarter of an hour later, when they was just waking up to the fact that it weren't there, it was being melted down so as no one wouldn't recognise it no more."

"That was pretty smart work," applauded Dawson. "How was it taken?"

For a moment he was afraid his informant was about to dry up, but the spirit he had consumed was having its effect, undermining all sense of caution.

"It was the slickest bit of work you ever saw," he went on after another pull at his glass. "Like every other success in life it was based on the failings of hoo-man nature. There was three on 'em in the enclosure at the time, all toffed up fit to kill—two fellows and a girl."

"Ten minutes or so before the big race were to be run one of the fellows and the girl got into conversation with the flatties who were guarding the cup. Talking and arguing about what chances the favourite had, and such like. You see the idea? Each of the cops had a bit on hisself, most likely, it being hoo-man nature to back your fancy. Well, our two was still talking when the cry come. 'They're off!'"

"Now that was all part of the plan. A 'orse race holds everyone's attention; cops are no exception. All eyes were fixed on the course. In addition, both our two was tapping 'is particular flattie on the shoulder and pointing out the horses what they'd been arguing about."

"That were the very identical moment it were done. The third of our party had a bag with a bottom like a scoop, worked with a spring. The moment he see everybody straining to see who was leading, he slips inside the ropes, pops his bag over the Gold Cup, presses the spring, and hops out again."

"When the leader passed the post he was walking out of the enclosure gate carrying his bag as innercent as you please. The other two simply melts into the crowd and there you are. Simple, weren't it?"

"I should think it was," agreed Dawson, who had listened to the recital with breathless interest. "Fancy having the nerve to do a thing like that. And to think that it went off like clockwork with never a slip up. It was blinking well miraculous."

"It ain't quite right to say it went off without any sort of 'itch at all," amended Joe, squinting into the bottom of his empty glass. "There was just one little h'accident what made them feel a bit uneasy. The girl what was there went and dropped her blooming powder box right in the middle of the enclosure."

"Whew! I suppose the cops traced it to her and..."

"No," chuckled Joe. "They didn't. The luck held good and, even if they found it which I don't suppose they did, there's never been any mention of it in any of the papers. Anyway, nothing's ever come of it."

"Fortune favours the bold," misquoted Dawson. "But have another drink, Mr. Higgins, I reckon you deserve it after that."

Joe smiled complacently.

"Well, I don't mind if I do," he accepted. "It's thirsty work talking. We had a few that night though, and no error. Champagne, cocktails and all the blooming lot. Here, what yer doing?"

In turning from the bar after paying Dawson had once more encountered the quizzical stare of the girl near the door. Thinking to ask Joe who she was, he laid his hand on his companion's arm. Joe angrily shook him off.

"You mustn't never do that," he protested. "It's quite all right," he graciously accepted Dawson's abject apology. "I know you didn't mean nothing, but I don't never let anyone lay a finger on me—not while I've fifty pun in me pocket anyhow. Letting people touch you's the way to get it pinched. Didn't yer know that?"

"I'm afraid I didn't," admitted Dawson. "I don't know much about picking pockets."

Joe nodded sagely.

"No, I suppose you don't. Well, I'll tell you how it's done, it's the easiest thing in the world. All you have to do is to engage a chap in conversation. Then raise a bit of a h'argument like and keep tapping him on the shoulder to emphasise yer points; he gets used to you touching him that way. Then all you have to do is to slip your fingers in and whip out his pocket book."

"Do you mean—do you mean you could have taken my pocket book whilst I was standing here talking to you?" asked Dawson in an awed voice.

"Bless yer heart; I could have taken your collar and tie and you'd never have known."

"My word," exclaimed Dawson in wonderment. "Will you do me a favour, Mr. Higgins?" he begged eagerly. "Will you—er—will you lift my pocket book from me so that I don't know you're doing it? Will you—please?"

At first reluctant, Joe at length allowed himself to be persuaded to give an exhibition of his skill. He began an argument about the merits of a certain horse due to run on the following day, ostentatiously tapping his proposed victim's shoulder as he delivered his opinion.

In the height of the discussion Dawson felt a gentle tug in the region of the heart, which he was much too loyal to acknowledge, and a moment later Joe produced the wallet in triumph.

"There y'are me lad; that's how it's done. I could take anything else just as easy."

"You couldn't take the skin off a rice pudding, Joe Higgins," broke in a scornful voice. "You're nothing but a great big softie. Fancy stuffing this gentleman up with your lying tales!" She had come up to them unnoticed whilst Joe was doing his stuff. Now, despite her sex and the smallness of her stature, she dominated the two of them.

Dawson looked keenly from one to the other, waiting for Joe to give her what she deserved. Instead the pseudo-hero collapsed like a pricked balloon.

"I didn't know you were in the bar, Nora," Joe muttered sheepishly. Then, with a sly look at Dawson, he buttoned his coat. "I had no idea it was so late; I must be off," he excused himself, and shuffled rapidly towards the door.

It had slammed behind him before Dawson mentioned his loss.

"He's gone off with my wallet!" he exclaimed suddenly.

Nora chuckled.

"You're green and no mistake. How much was there in it?"

"Two pound notes and two ten shilling notes."

The girl held out her hand.

"Here you are, baby, here it is. He got the wallet, but I got the money. I'm going to keep it too. It'll teach you a lesson not to play with bigger boys than yourself. Now run along home and tell your mother you've been naughty."

She turned away with a laugh of derision, but Dawson called her back.

"Just a minute, my sweet. How's this for a lucky dip?"

In his turn he displayed a dirty envelope which was fairly bulging with crisp pound notes.

"Joe wasn't lying when he said he had had a good day at Kempton," he remarked smoothly.

Nora stared at him incredulously.

"You took that off him? Then you're not a mug after all!"

"Not such a mug as he was for carrying this," he declared, and held out a woman's powder box.

At sight of it she uttered a sharp exclamation and attempted to snatch it from him.

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JAP. DISCRIMINATION

Tsingtao Situation Again Discussed In House

"RECEIVING ACTIVE CONSIDERATION"

London, To-day.

ASKED BY CAPT. ALAN GRAHAM (Cons. Wirral) in the House of Commons yesterday whether the Asia Development Board was responsible for the discrimination against British shipping in Tsingtao and elsewhere, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in a written reply, said:

"I do not think it would serve any useful purpose to assess the responsibility for the discrimination against British interests of any particular Japanese agent.

"Wherever such discrimination occurs, representations are made to the appropriate Japanese authority or to the Japanese Government itself."

Mr. Robert Morgan (Cons. Stourbridge) declared the Japanese authorities at Tsingtao had recently asked an important American corporation why it shipped cargo in a British vessel, and informed it that if further shipments arrived in other than Japanese vessels they would not be accorded the same favourable importation facilities as cargo in Japanese vessels.

Mr. Morgan suggested this case be

taken up with the Japanese Government "as a typical example of the Japanese policy of strangling British trade in the Far East."

NUMBER OF INSTANCES

Mr. Butler, in a written reply, said the Foreign Secretary's attention had been drawn to the report in question but confirmatory evidence could not be obtained.

There appeared to have been a number of instances, however, where ships had been influenced to ship by other than British vessels, and the whole matter was now receiving active consideration.—Reuter.

WOLVES' CLOTHING

(Continued from Page 16)

"You give that to me," she demanded. "It's mine."

He held it away from her, pretending to be surprised.

"How could it be yours? Joe said it was dropped at Seven Queen's Park race track the day the Gold Cup was taken."

"Joe doesn't know what he's talking about; he wasn't anywhere near there."

"Well, he seemed to know all about it; he had the story off pat."

"If he says I was in that, he's a blooming liar. Here, Bill!"

Her appeal was to Dawson's earlier acquaintance, Smithers, who had just re-entered the bar.

In a few shrill trenchant sentences Nora told him what had happened. When she mentioned the powder case Smithers rounded on Dawson with a snarl of fury.

"Are you sure you got it out of Joe Higgins pocket?" he snapped.

Dawson nodded towards the door.

"Ask him yourself," he suggested. "Here he comes now looking for it."

Joe, his face livid with anxiety, came shambling towards the group.

"Have you seen my money, pal; I lost my money," he cried plaintively.

"Never mind your dough," cried Smithers roughly. "How did you get hold of Nora's powder box?"

Joe's jaw dropped in surprise.

"I never saw it before, so help me," he denied.

"Why, you told me all about it being dropped at Seven Queen's," put in Dawson.

"Yes, how did you know about that?" screeched Nora, beside herself with fear and rage. "Who told you?"

Joe swallowed painfully.

"You did, Bill," he accused in desperation. "Don't you remember? You and me and Steve Rogers and Bert Lawley were having a game of rummy."

"Shut up!" shouted Smithers but it was too late.

"So that was the way of it," murmured Dawson quietly.

He seemed to have increased suddenly in stature and importance.

"I'm Detective Inspector Dawson of the County Police," he announced ominously. "I arrest you, William Smithers and you, Nora Beasley, for being concerned in the theft of a Gold Vase at Seven Queen's race course."

He raised his arm and suddenly the bar was swarming with purposeful-looking constables.

JAPANESE ATTACK IN SHANSI

Tungkwan, To-day.

Eight thousand Japanese troops are launching an offensive in the Chung Tiao Mountain area with the support of planes and artillery.

Fighting is severest at Talongmiao, near Chiehshien, where the Chinese are holding their ground.

Areas southeast of Yenchi are the scene of bitter fighting. So far the enemy has not made much headway.—Central News.

Fourteen Chinese were each fined \$35 by Commander G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, this morning for approaching, in sampans, within 30 yards of the s.s. Hareldawins which was flying the "S" pennant and for making fast to the same vessel while it was underway.



Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barron, after their wedding at Union Church yesterday. Mrs. Barron was formerly Miss A. R. Duckworth, daughter of Mr. F. F. Duckworth, of the H.K. Electric Company. (King's Studio).

JAPANESE MONOPOLY IN HANKOW

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE QUESTION OF THE IMPORT TRADE IN HANKOW WAS RAISED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY BY MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ALFRED KNOX (CONS. WYCOMBE) WHO ASKED WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER WAS AWARE THAT TO AN INCREASING EXTENT THE CITY'S IMPORT TRADE WAS BEING MONOPOLISED BY THE JAPANESE, AND WHAT STEPS WERE THE GOVERNMENT TAKING TO RESTORE AND PROTECT BRITISH TRADE IN THE INTERIOR OF CHINA?

Mr. Butler replied that according to the latest information trade in Hankow was practically at a standstill. What little remained was in Japanese hands, though a few shipments of wood on American account had taken place.

No opportunity was lost of drawing the attention of the Japanese Government to the importance His Majesty's Government attached to relaxation of the existing restrictions on British trade.—Reuter.

THEFT OF BARBED WIRE

Charged with stealing War Department property, Lo Chung-tong, 28, was fined \$10 or one month's hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning.

Lo was stated to have stolen 26 lengths of iron rods from Sha Tin Camp on Wednesday.

Pun Cheuk, 39, and Pun Shing, 40, were bound over and ordered to be expelled from the Colony as destitutes for a similar offence.

The latter two accused were said to have stolen three coils of barbed wire from the Camp on the same day.

They were all found by military sentries when leaving the Camp with the property.

Lt. J. M. Tomlinson, of the Kumoan Rifles, was present in Court as complainant.

MISSION HOSPITAL BOMBED

Yuanling, Hunan, To-day.

An American missionary hospital here was destroyed during a Japanese air raid on April 13.—Central News.

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LESSON FOR OTHER NEUTRALS

London, To-day.

Commenting on the lesson Norway has provided for other neutrals, the "Manchester Guardian" says that we have been astonished at the events in Norway, at the treachery, the attack from within, and at the easy seizure of important points because no one thought it necessary to protect them.

The "Manchester Guardian" also mentions an order which purported to come from the Norwegian Foreign Minister and which caused the Norwegian Fleet to land its crews, offer no resistance and throw away the strong defences of the Oslo Fiord.

Just because the Norwegian expedition was sheer madness, the Nazis were able to surprise us, concludes the "Manchester Guardian," to land unopposed and dig themselves in. The paper admonishes other neutrals to heed the warning. — Reuter.

DANISH ARMY DISMISSED

Copenhagen, To-day.

According to the official German news agency, the whole of the Danish Army has been dismissed except for small detachments required for guard and patrol duty. The training of officers and N.C.O.s will continue. — Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

A denial that the Danish Army surrendered without fighting is made by Princess Margaret of Denmark, who is at present in Paris.

One of the Jutland regiments fought a rear-guard action, she says, and lost many men. The order to stop resistance took several hours to reach some regiments, which were standing up to an enemy superior in numbers.

Her nephew commanded the Palace Guard which opened fire on the approaching Nazis. — Reuter.

INAUGURAL DANCE

The Chinese Australian Association are holding their inaugural supper dance at the Roof Garden, H. K. Hotel, to-morrow evening. Mrs. Percy Chen, Miss Bonnie Ching, "The Chickadees" (Doreen Ma, Frances Lee, Herbert Tong, George Chow, Thomas Lee and Teddy Yip), Miss Gloria Yee and Mr. Thomas Lee will provide the cabaret entertainment.

ANDERSON SHELTERS FOR 12,000,000

London, To-day.

Over a quarter of the people in England to-day now have private A.R.P. shelters, announced Sir John Anderson, Home Secretary, Minister of Home Security, and Minister in charge of Air Raid Precautions, in the House of Commons yesterday.

Nearly 2,250,000 steel shelters had been delivered, capable of accommodating 11,500,000 people, apart from public shelters and reinforced cellars and basements in private offices and houses. A very high percentage of city dwellers, now have protection against air-raids. — Reuter.

QUIET DAY ON THE WHOLE

PARIS, TO-DAY.

LAST NIGHT'S FRENCH WAR COMMUNIQUE SAID THERE WAS A QUIET DAY ON THE WHOLE.

A diver has identified the wreck of a German submarine which attacked one of our sloops a few weeks ago and the destruction of which then appeared uncertain and was not officially announced by the French Admiralty. — Reuter.

ARTILLERY FIRE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

There has been some artillery fire on the Alsace/Lorraine front and one local attack. There is practically no air action over the Western Front. — Havas.

"GALVANISED INTO ACTIVITY"

London, To-day.

A military correspondent says a consequence of the German invasion of Denmark and Norway is that the entire Western Front has been galvanised into activity.

In operations on the Western Front, it is a test of the brain power and initiative of commanders and imaginative action as regards Staff officers. The routine movements of fortress warfare have been replaced by intelligent improvisation. — Reuter.

CANADIAN DEFENCE MINISTER IN LONDON

London, To-day.

Mr. Norman McLeod Rogers, Canadian Defence Minister, has arrived in England to discuss with members of the British Government various features of Canada's war effort. — Reuter.

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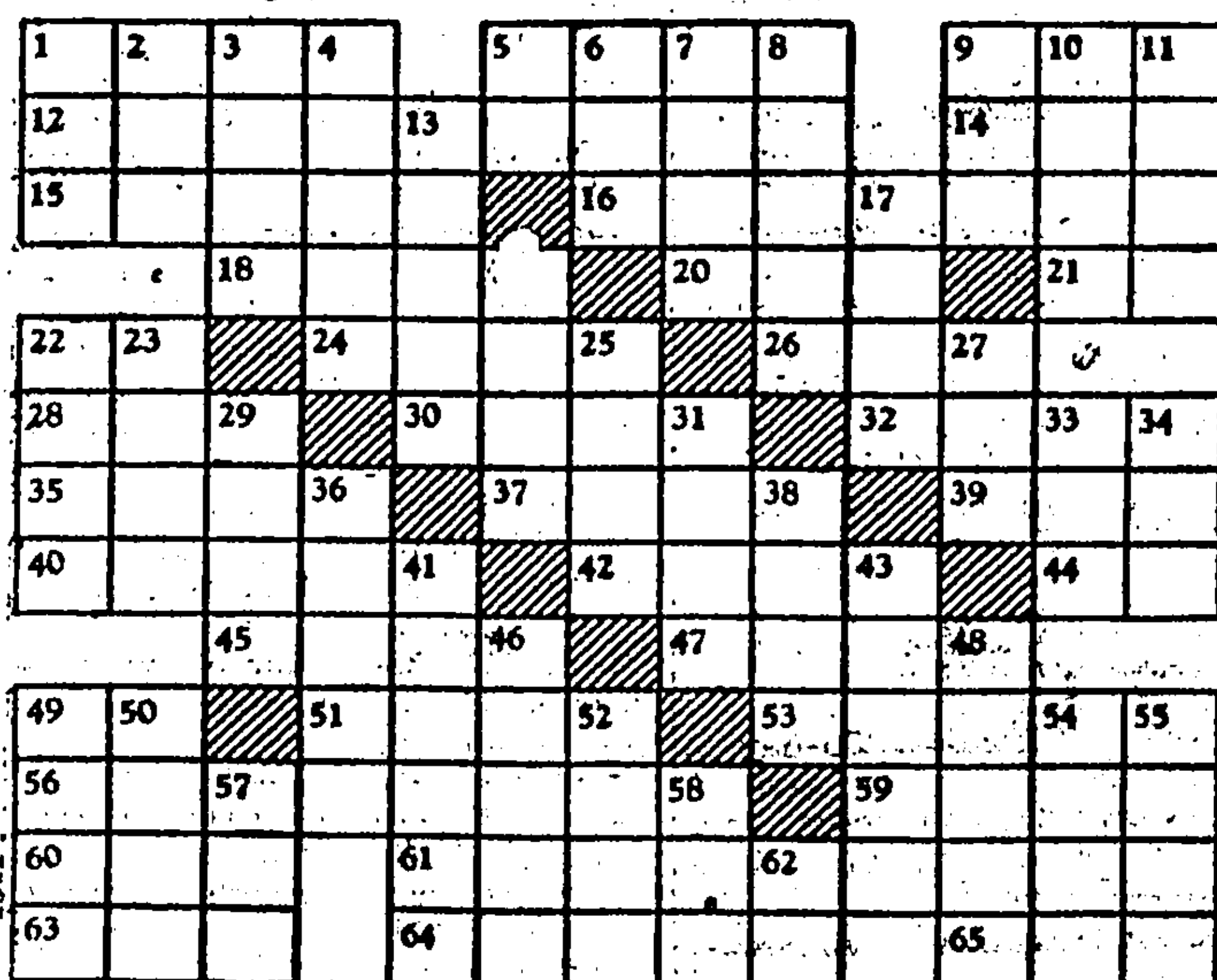
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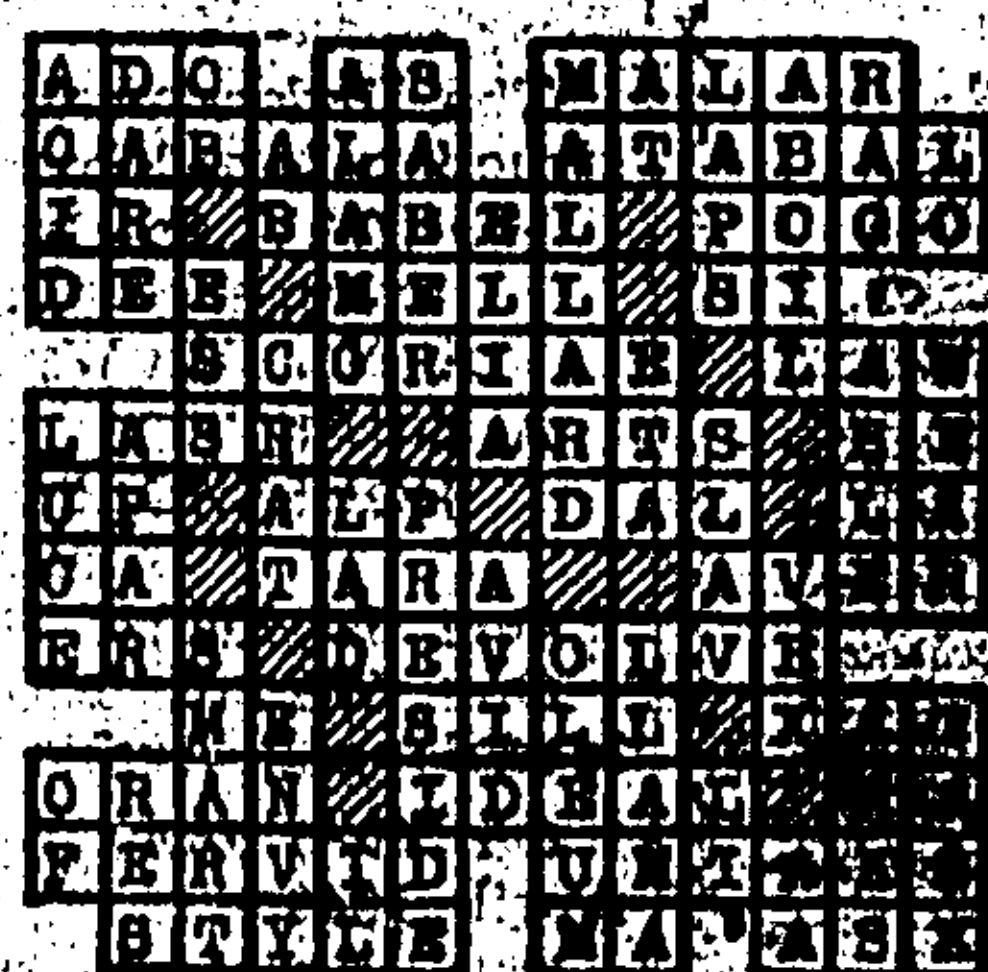
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- 1 Adrift
- 5 Epochs
- 9 Former
- 12 Constructive metabolism
- 14 Peruvian coin
- 15 Latin: mother
- 16 Straight course
- 18 To mix
- 20 Girl's name
- 21 Earth goddess
- 22 Symbol for tantalum
- 24 Line of junction
- 26 Uncooked
- 28 Extraordinary
- 30 Falsifier
- 32 Dull
- 35 Non-professional
- 37 Legal claim
- 39 Affirmation
- 40 Poetic: desolate
- 42 Coarse grain
- 44 Symbol for samarium
- 45 Prefix: one trillion
- 47 Colours
- 49 When
- 51 Ancient: lute

VERTICAL

- 53 Pertaining to bristles
- 56 Spiritual
- 59 Sound
- 60 To dine
- 61 Pardon
- 63 Before
- 64 Commerce
- 65 Feline
- 1 European: liquid measure
- 2 Nahoor sheep
- 3 Devours
- 4 Assists
- 5 Deity
- 6 Curved support
- 7 Ancient Egyptian alley
- 8 To bedaub
- 9 Edible mollusk
- 10 Musical instrument
- 11 Toward the sheltered side
- 13 Bay window
- 17 To guide
- 19 To scold
- 22 Related
- 23 Hebrew month
- 25 To cripple
- 27 Contorted
- 29 Legislative assembly
- 31 Tall grass
- 33 Roman bronze
- 34 Cry or sheep
- 36 Unit of weight
- 38 Negative votes
- 41 Recourse
- 43 Former
- 46 English courts
- 48 Colloquial: a person beyond help
- 49 Ascetic
- 50 Altar end of a church
- 51 Insult
- 52 Narrow opening
- 54 Ox of Celebes
- 55 Accommodated
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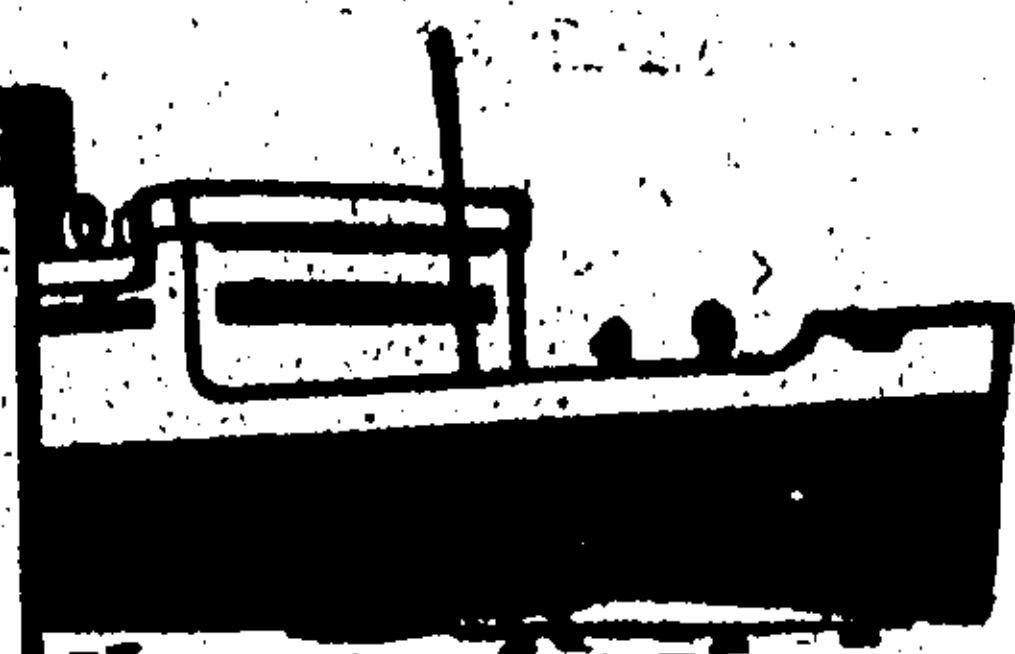
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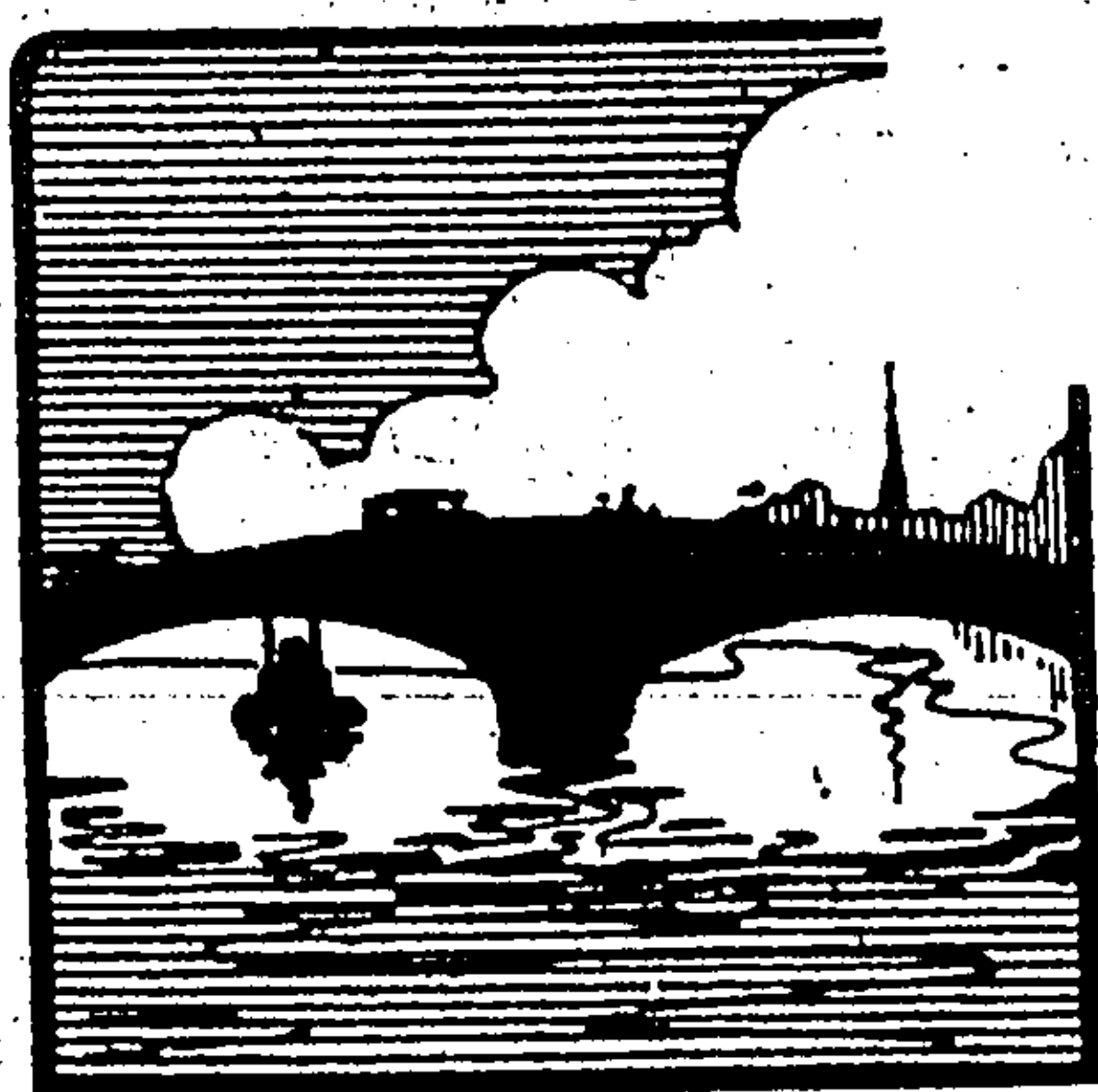
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MAN WHO 'FOUND' A JUNK

Six men and a woman were bound over by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, when charged with stealing \$270 from a junk in Aberdeen yesterday.

Fung Fat, one of the men, found an apparently abandoned junk at Cheng Me Village a few days ago. He waited for the owner, but no one claimed it. So he engaged the other defendants to take the junk to Aberdeen, where the money was found hidden inside the hold. They took out \$40 for a feast, and the remainder was divided among them.

Defendants were ordered to pay \$40 compensation to the owner.

DANUBIAN GUARANTEE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

Rumarian political circles welcome the agreement to police the Danube, and take the accord as further proof of the solidarity of the Danubian states.

The impartiality of the decision, which guarantees the Danubian region against intervention by the belligerents, is stressed.—Havas.

NATIONAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

Chungking, To-day.

With the National People's Assembly fixed for November 12 and the time limit for election of delegates set for the end of June, the Election Office is accelerating its work.

Delegates from many provinces and municipalities were elected prior to the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities. Those who have since died or have joined the Wang Ching-wei puppet regime will be replaced.

Difficulty is expected in election in some of the Japanese "occupied" areas but measures will be devised.—Central News.

PUPPET GOVERNMENT FOR KWANGTUNG ?

Chungking, To-day.

It is reported that the formation of a puppet Kwangtung Provincial Government with Chen Yao-tsu as Chairman was discussed between Lieut.-Gen. Rikichi Ando, Commander-in-Chief in South China, and Wang Ching-wei during the latter's visit to Canton.—Central News.

NAVAL SURVIVORS IN SCOTLAND

London, To-day.

About 100 naval survivors arrived at a north-west Scottish port last night. Many were wearing Norwegian caps.—Reuter.

GIRL CYCLIST FINED

"If it were necessary to have a licence for driving a bicycle, people like you would certainly not be granted one," remarked Mr. E. Hims-worth at Kowloon this morning to a 18-year-old girl, Yu Lan, charged with driving without due care and caution.

The girl was alleged to have collided with a motor-car in Nathan Road when she turned a bend without looking behind her yesterday afternoon.

She was fined \$7 or 10 days' hard labour.

HOLLAND SCoured FOR ILLEGAL ARMS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Dutch police yesterday undertook searches all over the country for illegal arms; arms were discovered in several places.

The control over foreigners has been tightened and extreme care is being taken in granting visas to visitors to Holland.—Havas.

NEW PRESIDENT

Miss Ho Hui-chlung has been appointed by Madame Chiang Kai-shek as president of the Hong Kong branch of the National Association for the Care of War Orphans to succeed Dr. Irene Ho, daughter of Sir Robert Hotung, who recently resigned.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 20th April, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

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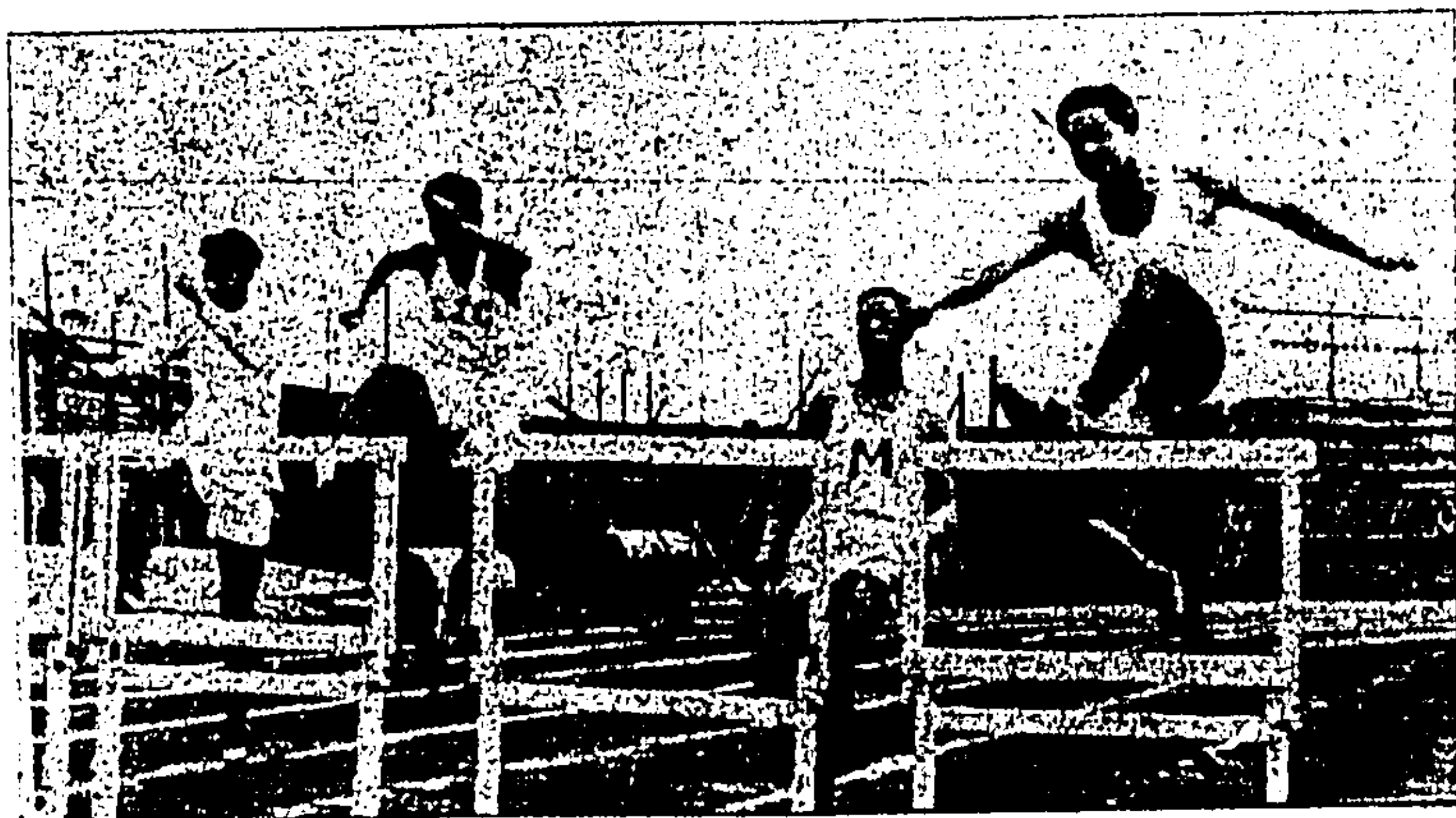
Taken at the Central British School physical training display.



The "Y" Ladies team, winners of the Caer Clark Cup, who beat the Rest of the Colony on Saturday.



The commercial team who won the Inter-Class Relay at St. Joseph's College Sports.



The 110-metre High Hurdle at St. Joseph's College Sports.

'FOUND DROWNED'

A verdict of "Found Drowned" was recorded at an inquest this morning on Mr. L. G. H. Peris de Silva, a member of the small community of Singhalese jewellers in Hong Kong, whose body was found in the water at Deep Water Bay yesterday evening.

He had been missing since Saturday last.

Mr. de Silva was only 27 years of age. He had been in the Colony since April, 1938.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS SUMMER SCHEDULES

The Imperial Airways summer schedule transit time between Europe and Hong Kong is reduced by one day.

The days of departure from Hong Kong will remain as at present, namely:

HANYANG LAUNCHED

First of three vessels being built for the China Navigation Company, Ltd., the s.s. Hanyang was successfully launched at Talkoo Dock yesterday evening.

The ship was named by Mrs. C. C. Roberts, wife of the local manager of Butterfield and Swire.

A single-screw, passenger and cargo vessel, the Hanyang has a gross tonnage of 2,800 tons. Accommodation for passengers is arranged in single and double state-rooms, and is all one class; a distinct feature is the Thermotank heating and ventilating system in the officers' and passengers' accommodation.

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WILLYNILLY AND FAIR CHANCE FOR DAILY DOUBLE

(By "RAPIER")

THE FOURTH EXTRA Race Meeting, under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club, will be held to-morrow.

There are altogether nine events on the programme, the most important of which is naturally the St. George's Plate. Fine weather should favour this meeting, and, we may look forward to witnessing some keen racing.

Mr. S. L. Sung, who rode with some success for the Marber Stable last year, will be seen in action, and it is rumoured that he is down here to take care of Mr. T. K. Li's original string of ponies, leaving Mr. V. V. Needa in charge of the newly formed Zylch Stable.

RACE NO. 1. MOUNT GOUGH HANDICAP: ABOUT HALF MILE 170 YARDS.

This sprint race will open the programme, and is confined to Griffins of this season with a proviso that winners of \$750 or more in stakes are barred. It has attracted 24 entries and, in view of the short distance, it is probable that an upset will be witnessed.

In the Kellett Handicap (First Section) Gay Star, carrying 158 lbs. under Mr. Needa, won the race from Hughber (Mr. Chao) 151 lbs., with Distinctive Time (Mr. Wei) 161 lbs. third. The distance on that occasion was over a mile, whereas to-morrow it will be from the 1-1/2 mile post. It would therefore appear that, although given top-weight of 168 lbs., Gay Star, which will be ridden by Mr. Hearne, has the best recommendation for a win if a good position is drawn.

Distinctive Time, carrying 166 lbs. under Mr. Tao, came in third to Oonagh in the Kongmun Handicap over the two mile post distance at the last meeting and as Mr. Wei is taking it out to-morrow and with the weight the same, this combination should give a good account of itself if it does not actually win. Hughber, under Mr. Treverton, ran unplaced in this race which Oonagh won, but I doubt whether it is fast enough to keep up with the other two ponies, although taken out by Mr. Chao.

There are other ponies, however, to be reckoned with, especially Eve of Folly (Mr. Proulx) and Ronson (Mr. Poy), both of which are quite capable of creating an upset, while there is also Eve of Dancing to be considered. Eve of Dancing, if taken out by Mr. Black, should be worth \$5.00 each way.

RACE NO. 2. KOALA HANDICAP: FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN.

In this race for "C" Class Australian ponies it will be difficult to spot the likely winner, although many will place their faith in Franklin (Mr. Liang), which has been penalised 9 lbs. on account of its second placing behind Many Thanks in the Broken Hill Handicap over six furlongs at the last meeting.

I prefer Twilight Star (Mr. Hearne), which is very fit at the moment, with Franklin second and Violet Queen (Mr. Black) third. Discovery Bay (Mr. Yuen) has only 146 lbs. to carry, and it may be worth a place bet here. Mr. S. L. Sung will be entrusted with the task of riding Centre Court, recently demoted from "B" Class, and, in spite of the weight of 165 lbs., it is not to be ignored.

RACE NO. 3—ST. GEORGE'S PLATE: 1/4 MILES

This is the main attraction of the afternoon and is a handicap race for Griffins of this season with ponies classified "A" Class barred, and it is a pity that it has attracted only 7 entries.

Clember (Mr. Chao) has to carry 168 lbs. and as it has not appeared in any event beyond a mile, it is difficult to judge its capabilities over this longer distance. The last time that Clember came out was on the fourth day of the Annual Meeting, when it won the Griffins Consolation Stakes over a mile when carrying 161 lbs., beating Possible (Mr. Tang Man-wa) and Johnber (Mr. Gram) its stable-mate, which has since been promoted to "A" Class. This pony has not started since, although entered in the Boa Vista Handicap (First Section) at the Second Extra Meeting, thus lending colour to the report that it has been especially reserved for this "classic," and if this is the case there is no other pony to provide Clember with any real opposition. Despite its heavy weight, it should win without any difficulty.

It has been whispered about that Hopeful Star (Mr. Hearne) is capable of creating an upset, but, although it won the Hong Kong Handicap (First Section) over the Champions distance, I am inclined to think that it will have to be very good to beat Clember, which is an animal of superior quality. For the third position a good tussle should ensue between Possible (Mr. Tang Man-wa) and Eve of Reason (Mr. Black).

RACE NO. 4—MOUNT DAVIS HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ONE MILE

In this race for "B" Class China ponies with Griffins of this season barred, Rose Emily (Mr. Poy) and Red Feather (Mr. Tao), for their second and third placing behind O-Lan in the Boa Vista Handicap (First Section) over the two mile post distance, have been penalised 7 and 8 lbs. respectively, and, in view of the extra burden they will be called on to handle, I cannot recommend either of them as the likely winner. Judging from the way Jobber ran at the Second Extra Meeting, when it won the Boa Vista Handicap (Second Section) after the disqualification of Jennifer, to which it lost by a head, and with 3 lbs. less to carry to-morrow, it appears to have an opportunity of scoring another win here. It will be again ridden by Mr. Chao and, as far as I can see, its only real danger will come from either Bear Claw or Avon, whichever Mr. Black decides to take out. Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih) has been very lightly treated and, although the mile may not be to its liking, I think it will be very near at the finish. Hyndford Bridge (Mr. Needa) has regained some of its old form since its last outing, and for those who prefer to take a chance I recommend keeping an eye on it.

RACE NO. 5—"HUNCHBACKS" HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," and will be decided by 1939 Subscription Griffins with ponies classified "B" and "C" Classes barred. Phoenix (Mr. Liang), joint winner of the Taiwan Bay Handicap (First Section) over a mile, has been given top weight of 163 lbs., and as it is only a sprint affair I think we can leave it alone. Mr. Chao has the choice of Willynilly, winner of the Taiping Handicap (First Section) under Mr. C. F. Chiu, or Wilber, which came in third to Chatterbox in the Canton Handicap (First Section) which was a Novices race. I presume that his choice will be Willynilly, which is a much better pony than Wilber for a sprint event, and in that case its chances of winning are very rosy, although it failed at the Second Extra Meeting, losing to Chatterbox and Phoenix, which dead-heated for the first place. Smiling Time (Mr. Wei), for its second placing behind Willynilly in the above-mentioned race, will have to carry 8 lbs. more, but as this pony is improving in its morning gallops I think its chance of scoring a win is not altogether impossible as it was then only two lengths behind when it lost. Bressay (Mr. Hearne), winner of the Taiping Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs, is also in the picture as it has its weight down by 3 lbs., and should be prominent at the finish.

RACE NO. 6—TAIMOSHAN HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to Novice Jockeys, who will be given mounts on "E" Class China ponies. The Tigress (Mr. R. K. C. Chui), for its win in the Chingshan Handicap (First Section) at Macao last Sunday, has incurred another 7 lbs. penalty and will be carrying 171 lbs., followed by Radium Star (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) 168 lbs. and Lancashire Chap (Mr. Lee) 162 lbs., and for this reason alone I cannot see any of them winning. The winner should come from the following:—

Arabian Cat (Mr. Chattey)
Geordie (Mr. Wood)
March Brown (Mr. Treverton)
Heddon (Mr. Chiu Ki-fan).

After its fine win in the Double Handicap (First Section) at the last Fanning meeting, Arabian Cat stands the best chance of winning as this pony is fast over the sprint distance and, once on the move, is not easily overhauled. Geordie is also a free-mover, although it has not been in the limelight as yet, but this pony is very fit at the moment and will probably extend Arabian Cat. March Brown, which won the Governor's Cup over the hurdles at the last Fanning meeting, should not be ignored as it is quite at home on the flat and is being quietly tipped for this race. Heddon has been a failure on so many occasions that I don't know what to say about it, but I am still of the opinion that this pony will one day turn up when least expected.

RACE NO. 7. CANTERBURY PARK HANDICAP: FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN.

The result of the second leg of the "Daily Double" will be decided on this race, which will be confined to Australian Subscription ponies of this season that have not won more than \$500 in stakes. Fair Chance (Mr. Wei), Rowan (Mr. Hearne) and Princess Clara all have been given 162 lbs. to handle and in view of their past performances, I think the first two named ponies will fight out the first place between them, with Fair Chance having a slight advantage as it has improved a great deal in its morning gallops.

Princess Clara is unlikely to appear in this race. Piccadilly Jim (Mr. Poy), which came in second to Shuttlecock in the St. Kilda Handicap, is quite at home over this longer distance and will probably extend the above two ponies. Maple Star (Mr. S. W. Fan) was third in the Randwick Plate when Albury was the winner and is a fast-improving pony, and if it does not win watch out for it at a later meeting. Catterick Bridge (Mr. Needa) is another pony to watch, although it has not started since its last jump over



the rails in the Albury Stakes (Second Section) during the Annual Meeting, as this moody pony is coming along nicely in its track work.

RACE NO. 8. MOUNT DAVIS HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): ONE MILE.

This event will be contested by second section "B" Class China ponies, and an interesting race should ensue. Rob Roy has been given maximum weight, followed by New Star (Mr. Fan) 165 lbs. and Lancashire Lass (Mr. Black) 163 lbs., and this will probably hamper their chances of winning.

Jennifer, which won the Boa Vista Handicap (Second Section) over the two-mile post and was later disqualified for crossing, has my recommendation for a win here, although it will not have Mr. Black as its pilot. Peaceful View (Mr. Pih) has been knocking at the door of success for a long time, and I think to-morrow its chances are rather bright on account of its light weight of 147 lbs. Blue Diamond (Mr. Chao) also looks dangerous, but I much prefer it over six furlongs. Just In Time (Mr. Tao) has been promoted since its last win in the Fat-shan Handicap (First Section), but as it will be running against better company, I doubt if it can repeat its last success. Expansion Time, under Mr. Tao, was a failure in the Hong Kong Handicap (Second Section), but as it will be taken out by Mr. Wei it may redeem itself over this distance.

RACE NO. 9. CHARTERS TOWERS HANDICAP: ABOUT HALF MILE 170 YARDS.

This is the final event of the day, in which "B" Class Australian ponies that have not won \$1000 in stakes since 1st January, 1940, will participate.

A Great Time (Mr. Wei), despite its 5 lbs. penalty for coming in second to Ascot Day in the Hobart Handicap over a mile at the last meeting, has a grand opportunity of winning its first race this year. Flying Dutchman, with Mr. Hearne up, is fast over this distance and, if given a flying start, it will be hard to beat. Cockerel, with Mr. Needa up, ran poorly in the Hobart Handicap, but it should not be overlooked. Derby Day (Mr. Tang) is very lightly treated, and over this distance it should not be disregarded. Then there is Double Finesse (Mr. Tao) to be reckoned with as this pony invariably does well over this distance.

EASTERN WIN AGAIN

Manila, To-day.

La Salle College bowed to the Eastern Athletic Association last night in the last 15 minutes of the game during which the visitors scored three goals resulting in a 5-2 victory for the Eastern.

Eastern opened the scoring but La Salle were leading at the interval by 2 goals to 1.

The visitors were extremely fast and enthusiastic and had two goals disallowed for off-sides.

La Salle tired in the closing stages as the Hong Kong pressed hard during the exciting game.

The match was witnessed by 13,000.—Reuter.

AMERICAN BASEBALL RESULTS

New York, To-day.

The following were the results of games played yesterday in the Major Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	1	5	2
Cincinnati	2	8	0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	7	9	1
(Bagby homered).			
Washington	0	5	1
St. Louis	2	7	0
Detroit	4	7	0

Greenberg and Gehring homered. No other games were played in both Leagues owing to rain and cold.—Reuter.

The Eastern Athletic Association now touring the Philippines will return to Hong Kong next week by the Clipper.

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COLONY TENNIS

RUMJAHN COUSINS FAIL TO REACH A DECISION

Share Four Sets In Entertaining Match

"S.A." ATTACKED BY CRAMP WHEN TWO SETS TO THE GOOD

(By "ADREM")

THROWING ALL HIS PHYSICAL reserves into an effort to win the match in straight sets, Sirdar Rumjahn yesterday won the first two sets against his cousin H. D. Rumjahn on Stand Court of Hong Kong Cricket Club in the semi-final of the Colony singles championship, and then faded out of the picture.

Four sets were shared before the match was abandoned owing to failing light, the scores being, S.A.'s given first, 8-6, 6-3, 0-6, 2-6.

It was an entertaining match to watch as both men stroked beautifully. S.A.'s success in the first two sets can be attributed to his fine powers of retrieving and the fact that H. D. could not produce a winning shot off the ground. Sirdar, on the other hand, made good use of an accurate forehand drive and a well-disguised drop-shot which he used to advantage at opportune moments.

In the early stages H. D. was wont to take the net on deep drives. He was soon discouraged from pursuing this form of attack, however, as Sirdar produced passing shots at will which left him standing.

H. D. always gave the impression that he was conserving himself. Unless he was reasonably sure of turning it to his own advantage, he rarely went for shots for which he would have had to run hard. He played a cool, collected game, with the idea apparently always at the back of his mind that the man who could last would be the man who would win.

It became apparent even in the second set that his tactics would meet with success. Although he lost the second set, he started a fine recovery when being led 1-4 and, although Sirdar staved off the challenge, he looked much the more exhausted.

H.D. ATTACKS

In the third set H. D. started to adopt the initiative, once more going in to the net. He reeled off four games in a row and was well on the way to the fifth when Sirdar was attacked by cramp.

After some delay he was able to carry on but by this time it was obvious that a definite decision would not be reached. H. D. won that third set to love, took the fourth at 6-2 and, with the light failing fast, the match was abandoned.

Sirdar was easily the more aggressive of the two men yesterday and his stroking was somewhat more reliable. His forehand drive has already been mentioned; his backhand, heavily sliced was very difficult to pick up with any accuracy and his lobbing was also very good.

H. D. had the better service and was very accurate on the backhand but his forehand yesterday was strangely weak and he never appeared sure of himself on this wing.

Sirdar took an early lead of 3-1 in the first set but H. D. rallied and went to 5-3. The scores were once again levelled at 5-all but then H. D. had a grand opportunity for set when he had several set points in the 12th game when leading 6-3. S. A., however, levelled and eventually went out at 8-6.

S. A. dominated the early part of the second set and led 2-0, 2-1, 3-1

and 4-1. H. D. drew up to 4-3 but could get no further, S. A. winning the set at 6-3.

H. D. was easily the better man in the last two sets and appeared fairly fresh after the match.

Had matters proceeded normally I think H. D. would have won but it would have been purely on stamina—both men were exceptionally well matched.

CLUB FINAL

Final of the Club championship, which should have been played yesterday on No. 8 court, was postponed and will be played next week on the Stand Court.

TO-DAY'S MATCH

Only one match is down for decision to-day, E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung meeting T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay on the Stand Court.

POLICE TO VISIT MACAO

The following will represent H.K. Police senior hockey eleven in their annual game with the Macao XI on Sunday at Macao. The team will sail by the s.s. "Tai Shan" at 8.00 a.m. on Sunday, returning by the 3.00 a.m. boat on Monday.

B739; B611, Blackburne; Leslie, B803, Brown; B799, Wall, B293, Parker, B431.

Reserves:—B616, B560; Referee:—Sgt. Rothwell.

H.K.F.C. LAWN BOWLS PRACTICE

Following rinks will participate in a lawn bowls practice game at Hong Kong Football Club on Saturday:—

A. Watson, G. E. Stephens, L. E. Lammert and N. J. Bebbington (skip). J. H. Gelling, J. Watson, K. S. Robertson and A. Brooksbank (skip). J. S. Howell, A. W. Hodges, G. Duncan and J. Evans (skip).

F. P. Anslow, C. G. Solis, B. A. Mansell and H. G. Wallington (skip). J. I. Barnes, H. H. Beddow, H. H. Pegg and T. Rowell (skip).

A. B. Didsbury, G. S. Graver, G. S. Rodger and F. Flippance (skip).

A. Bailey, R. Stapleton-Cotton, L. D. Skinner and J. G. Bailey (skip).

K. J. Attwell, E. Morrison, H. Barnett and S. W. Cressey (skip).

HOCKEY SIX-A-SIDE POSTPONED

At a meeting of the Hockey Association Council yesterday it was decided to postpone the annual six-a-side tournament from April 21 to 28 as several clubs had received no notification of the tournament. Entries close at 6 p.m. on April 25.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

Forty-seven entries have been received for the Second Handicap Singles Competition.

A copy of the draw with handicaps will be sent to each individual entrant, and it is trusted that all entrants will get in touch with the manager of the Bowling Alleys to facilitate the speedy running of this Competition; on this score I am led to believe that the first Tournament was so successful that there will be no difficulty in this respect.

The same rules in the First Tournament are applied to the Second Tournament.

In the preliminary games, three games shall constitute a match; in the semi-finals and final, five games shall constitute a match, the highest aggregate score determining the winner.

The winner shall have his name engraved on a silver-encased Ten Pin Ball (on view in the Alleys) and shall also receive a silver-encased replica of same; the runner-up shall receive one carton of Schlitz canned beer very kindly presented by L. Rondon and Company, Hong Kong.

Last Friday, R. F. Pirard registered a very creditable score at Duck Pins—he made 141—just beating the score of W. L. Barney, of U.S.S. Tulsa, of 139 made on April 6.

Pirard's effort was as follows:—Starting off with a spare, he then made an 8, 10, 8, 5, 9, 10, then a strike on his 8th, 9th and 10th frames to finish up with 8 and a 9 with his two extra balls.

It is a very rare thing for a Duck Pin bowler to register three strikes in succession, I believe it has only been done about three or four times in these Alleys; had Pirard registered a spare or two between his 2nd and 7th frames he would undoubtedly have beaten the record for the Alleys made by Mrs. Soong in March, last year—her score being 168. Better luck next time.

PIRARD BEATEN

Pirard's score, however, was not allowed to remain long as top score for the month for, on March 16, Corp. Blount, of Royal Signals, beat it by 4 pins, his score being 145, equalling Mr. J. Chyoff's record score for the month of March—145 pins also. To make a score of 145 at Duck Pins is really a fair Ten Pin score. As a matter of fact to get this score Blount had to make six spares and a strike.

Again on April 17 Blount registered a 135 at Duck Pins, his effort in this case being six spares but no strike and his lowest score for any frame was six (shame!).

As I have mentioned in previous Jottings, Corp. Blount is not only one of the best Duck Pin players in the Alleys but he is one of the best Ten Pin players. As a matter of fact up to the time of writing these Jottings he holds the highest score for the month with 229 in his bag. This is not his best effort at Ten Pins for in February of this year he held the record until almost the end of the month, with 255, but was beaten by one of his own Unit, Corp. Watts, with the record score made in these Alleys, 278.

However, Corp. Blount's 135 for Duck Pins was taken from the record board the same day, D. M. Keplinger of the Mindanao in a Duck Pin match against the Royal Signals, putting up the highest score of the month, 147. His effort was made up as follows:—a spare on his first, second and fourth frames, and a spare on his seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth frames.

What a pity he did not connect up with a strike or two. If he had done so he would have surpassed the Alley record.

NEW "200" MEMBERS

We have two new members for the 200 Club. On April 15, Sapper A. Body finally gained this honour by making 207, his effort being strike, spare, spare, strike, strike, spare, then three strikes in a row to finish up with an eight on his last frame.

The other new member was Signaller S. H. Neate, Royal Corps Signals, who made 202 on April 17, his bag being strike, spare, strike, spare, three strikes in a row, a spare, an eight on his 9th frame, a spare on his 10th to make a seven with the extra ball. Congratulations are extended to these two latest members of the Club from his fellow-members.

Surprise of surprises!!! In a five-game Duck Pin match against the formidable Royal Signals on April 17, the Mindanao boys won very comfortably by 185 pins, the individual scores being as follows:—

U.S.S. MINDANAO

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Ttl.
D. M. Keplinger	84	110	102	97	147	550
J. T. Sheehan	88	113	106	95	108	510
F. Lemerson	85	94	100	93	82	454
J. W. Davis	81	93	108	79	87	448

ROYAL SIGNALS

Corp. J. H. Watts	97	82	111	94	85	479
Cpl. H. Blount	88	92	89	99	82	450
Sgr. G. Birkett	95	82	91	85	78	431
L/Sgt. G. Somerville	88	77	84	85	82	416

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There is no doubt that the Mindanao boys played good steady Duck Pins, for, as the scores show, they bagged no fewer than 8 scores of over 100 pins, the highest for a single game being registered, as I have mentioned above, by D. M. Keplinger, who made 147 on his fifth game. The second highest score for a game was made by J. T. Sheehan, his effort being 111 on his second game.

The highest total for all five games was made by D. M. Keplinger, he made 550 or an average of 110 pins per game!!! This probably constitutes a record for these Alleys. He was followed very closely by J. T. Sheehan, with 510 to his bag, or an average of 102 pin per game. Actually, the total pinage for the five games for the four players, 1,962, makes the average 98 pins per man per game. There are very few teams that can equal this performance.

NOT TOO BAD

It must not be thought that the Royal Signals played poorly. On the contrary, although they only registered one score of over 100 for a game—this was made by Corp. Watts on his third game—actually they played quite good Duck Pins, below their usual efforts but nevertheless the average score per player per game worked out at 89 pins.

However, there is to be a return match which has been booked for Wednesday, at 8 p.m. This should be a very keenly-contested game and all Duck Pin fans should turn out in full force to watch it.

SINGLES HANDICAP DRAW

Following is the draw for the Second Handicap Singles competition at Hong Kong Bowling Alleys:—

Byes into Second Round:—J. R. Fawcett (23), S. H. Neate (50), F. D. Angus (40), A. W. Muenger (26), G. North (26), C. I. Spitsky (50), W. Gardner (36), F. J. Molthen (20), M. F. L. Haymes (23), E. Hearther (10), D. M. Keplinger (23), L. Well (40), A. Loughlin (36), D. Venezia (17), J. R. Tidd (26), H. Blount (23), C. G. Altkenhead (50).

First Round:—D. Hall (33) v C. E. Shipp (36); J. S. Landolt (20) v E. G. Touliding (50); J. Gracie (26) v G. Hanley (40); J. H. Watts (20) v A. H. Potts (50); M. el Arcull (50) v Mr. Holland (50); L. Gaddi (23) v C. Muller (23); G. Somerville (26) v F. P. Hollis (24); A. H. Odell (23) v M. Tolan (23); R. E. Skiver (30) v F. W. Barton (50); S. Golden (26) v E. Hewer (50); P. Godkin (26) v J. Odell (26); V. F. Taylor (30) v F. M. Thompson (40); D. Walker (40) v J. C. Thomas (30); A. W. Devonshire (36) v S. A. Ismail (26); M. Well (26) v Birkett (43).

Figures in brackets are the handicaps.



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FOOTBALL REVIEW

By "REFEREE"

CONGRATULATIONS to South China for winning the First Division Football Championship for the third successive season but though they had a flying start over most clubs, they were checked in several games in the second half, and while leading at one time by over eight points, they have only won the championship with two games in hand.

Besides the League and Shield games, South China have figured prominently in all representative games, and it must be said to their credit that though these representative and charity games called for quite a lot from the players there was not one instance during the season when they did not field their best side for these games. Even when other clubs for personal reasons, thought fit to keep their players for certain games, South China invariably came to the rescue and completed the team.

Unlike other years South China have experienced difficulty in fielding teams on week-days, and though called upon only once this season to do so, were hard put on Wednesday to obtain the necessary point for the Championship.

SOUTH CHINA juniors repeated their last year's success in winning the Second Division championship but the runners-up position between Royal Engineers and 30th Royal Artillery will only be decided to-morrow afternoon at Sookunpoo.

Moxham, the Sappers' goalkeeper, who was injured in the shield game, will be out of football for the rest of the season and has lost his chance of representing the Colony against Saigon next month.

A lapse of form on the part of Royal Army Service Corps during the last month might cost them the Third Division title. After defeating 24th Royal Artillery in the second round, Service Corps seemed assured of the title but they were upset by Kumaons and International.

The deciding game will be played to-morrow at Sookunpoo and a battle royal is expected. 24th R. A. have been patiently waiting for this opportunity and have kept in training. They played well to beat 30th R. A. in the Artillery Cup during the week and expect to give Service Corps a good game. Extra time will be played if necessary.



Lee Wai-tong, the South China captain, receiving the Lai Wah Cup from Mrs. Grasett, wife of the G.O.C.

WHILE there was little change in the positions of the leading teams in First Division, several occurred at the bottom of the table. St. Joseph's and Club each moved up a step from the bottom as the results of victories on Saturday, while Police now occupy the last position. Their only outstanding is against St. Joseph's next week and, if the Saints do not acquire a few points from their last games, it

seems that the wooden spoon will rest on the result of the match between these teams.

THOUGH the season officially closes on Sunday there will still be several games to be played, but it is hoped that all League matches will be completed by the end of the month.

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BADMINTON NOTES

ONLY ONE DIVISION OF LEAGUE NOT DECIDED

RECREIO'S FINE MIXED DOUBLES RECORD

(By "ADREM")

ALL DIVISIONS OF Hong Kong Badminton League are now decided with the exception of "B" Division in which St. John's are very favourably placed.

As matters now stand they are required to win their last match—against St. Andrew's—in order to win the championship. Only team which is in a challenging position is King's, who, with the same number of games played, are two points in arrears, King's last match is against Recreio.

Although there is little doubt that St. John's on their recent form, will beat St. Andrew's, they will, I am certain, not take matters as easily on this occasion as they did in their first fixture, when St. Andrew's caused a big upset by beating them by the odd game.

They cannot afford to lose as King's should beat Recreio, who have fallen off somewhat. I have little doubt in my own mind that St. John's would beat King's in any play-off that was necessary but it would be better for all concerned—except King's—if the League were decided without further delay in order that the season can be wound up next week with the presentation of prizes won, as is the present intention.

FINE RECORD

Congratulations to Recreio "A" on regaining the Mixed Doubles League title.

FOOTBALL REVIEW

(Continued from Page 24)

AS the result of injuries to Cheung Wing-choy and Moxham, both of whom were invited for the Saigon trip, the Association is without a goalkeeper and it is expected that Tam Kwan-kon, who played in Manila, will be invited.

There is a general belief that Tam is not at present playing well but those who witnessed the game between South China "A" and Kwong Wah on Wednesday will say that he played as well as he has ever done.

THE uncertainties of the international situation may cause South China to cancel or defer their South Seas tour this summer. Permission has already been obtained from the Football Association for the trip.

IT was gratifying to see Army put up so gallant a fight against the Combined Chinese in the Final of the Lai Wah Cup competition last Sunday. Army were forced to make several changes at the last minute and Guy at full back played a sound game; Bright in the pivotal position was also prominent.

THE game on Sunday between South China and The Rest should be interesting and, if the teams turn out as chosen, a good game is expected. All the remaining senior clubs are represented in the Rest team which, on the whole, is as good a team as any which has yet represented the Association.

THE trophies and medals for the winners and runners-up of all three divisions of the League will be presented by Mrs. M. K. Lo, wife of the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, at the conclusion of the game. It is expected that the 11 players in the teams concerned will be there to receive their medals. In the case of Eastern, they are at present in Manila and it would suffice if a representative received the lot for that Club.

One of the pioneers of local badminton, Recreio's lady members have always shown a great deal of enthusiasm which is reflected in their fine Mixed Doubles record. Since the inception of this League in the 1934-5 season, Recreio have only lost the title once—last year to University.

University, although they had to recruit almost their entire female contingent this season, did very well to secure the runners-up berth. The Misses K. J. Hung and Uheng Khoo were comparative novices and it was only the brilliant work of the men that enabled them to get as far as they did.

P. K. Hui, working hard for examinations, was not as effective as in previous seasons, while Yong was inclined to be inconsistent, but P. S. Bun, slightly built but possessed of great fighting spirit, was responsible for some gallant performances and was the outstanding male member of the team on several occasions.

Backbone of the Recreio team was that seasoned combination of M. A. Oliveira and Miss Mylthie Silva, who were rarely found wanting. J. J. Remedios and Miss Olga Ribeiro also did well, the latter showing great improvement over her form of last season.

GONSALVES' GOOD EFFORT

There was no regular third pair but special mention must be made of the promising form of Henry Gonsalves, who gave a very fine display against University in the match which gave Recreio the championship.

In other matches played in the course of the week, St. John's scored a good win over St. Teresa's who have fallen away badly since Francis Tsang has been unable to turn out. Considered at the beginning of the season to be in the running for the championship, the Saints were only able to secure one game against St. John's.

An interesting game was played at Kowloon Cricket Club between K. C. C. and Kowloon Tong. The latter team have played most of their recent matches without F. S. Ko, who was laid up following a minor operation.

With him back in the team to resume his old partnership with R. E. Lee, Kowloon Tong should have won handsomely, but Ko's enforced absence was reflected in his play and, as Lee was also out of touch, this pair were only able to win one game.

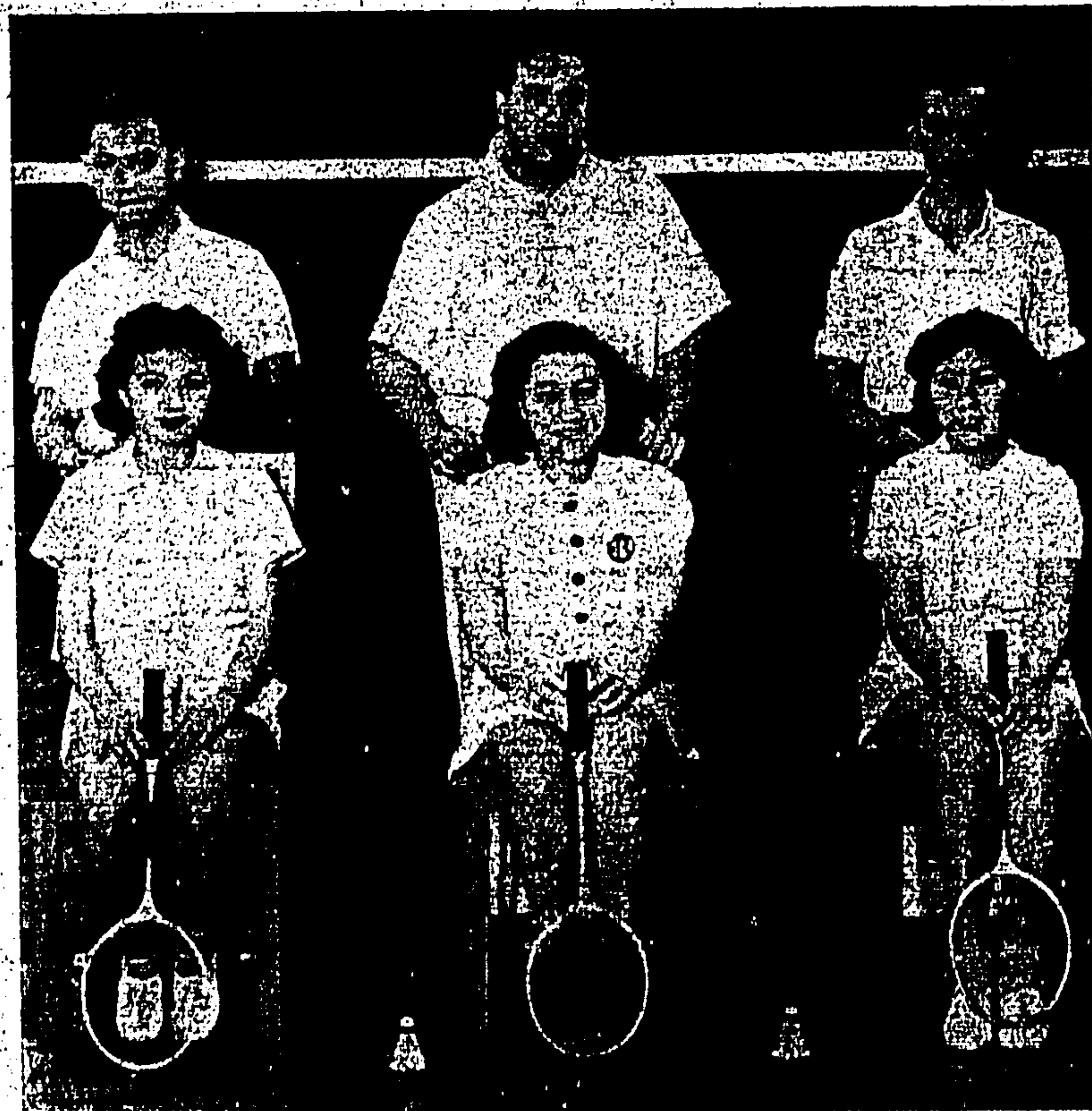
A MISUNDERSTANDING

Fortunately for Kowloon Tong, Peter Fletcher was in great form and was largely responsible for his partnership with Mackay securing three games. This pair were rather fortunate, however, as they were well on the way to defeat in two of their games. In the first, against Fisher and Wynter-Blyth, they were down 14-18 and against Anderson and Jones they were in an even worse position, being 14-20 to the bad.

An unfortunate incident marred this latter game. Fletcher and Mackay drew up to 20-all with one service down and all four players carried on under the impression that the usual three further aces would be played. When Kowloon Tong had lost service, however, the umpire enquired of K. C. C. whether they intended to play three aces up or carry on to 21. His argument was that as K. C. C., who, having reached 20 first, had the option of "setting" or not "setting," had not specified their intention, the correct procedure was to play 21 up.

This obviously was not fair to Kowloon Tong, having lost service, and the game was adjudged "settled," Kowloon Tong winning 3-1.

According to the letter of the law, the umpire was correct as the rule states: "The claim to 'set' the game must be made by the side which first reached 19 or 20 before the next service is delivered, after the score has reached 19 or 20 all."



Club de Recreio "A", who beat University last Saturday to win Mixed Doubles Division of the Badminton League. Seated left to right—Miss Olga Ribeiro, Miss Mylthie Silva and Miss Marie Ribeiro. Standing left to right—M. A. Oliveira, J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves.



HOME RACING RESULTS

London, To-day.

The Racing Calendar announces additional racing fixtures for the year. Fifty-three meetings covering 82 days will end during August.

As the Ascot Course is not available, His Majesty has approved of the Meeting being held at Newmarket on June 21 and 22 under the Ascot authorities.

NEWMARKETS RESULTS

The free handicap, yesterday, was run at Newmarket and was won by Salt Spring (100/7), Tornado (4/1) was second, and Love's Revelry (7/1) third. Twenty ran. A neck separated the first from second, and three lengths were between second and third.

CRAVEN STAKES

The Craven Stakes were won by Prince Tetra (100/6). Second was Medley (100/6) and third was Defiant (6/1). Fourteen ran. Distances were three lengths and two lengths.

GOLF CLUB STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling.

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.16 a.m.	A. Sommerfelt, A. T. Lay.
9.20	A. D. Humphreys, W. N. A. Smalley
9.24	R. C. Gairdner, D. Humphreys.
9.28	A. C. Meredith, A. M. Mack.
9.32	R. J. Shrigley, F. C. Young.
9.36	G. M. Park, L. R. Andrewes.
9.40	S. H. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison.
9.44	R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
9.48	M. L. Reidy, H. C. Watson.
9.52	A. B. Purves, T. Megarry.
9.56	A. C. I. Bowker, G. A. L. Plummer.
10.00	A. H. Penn, S. A. Sleep.
10.04	J. B. Harrison, L. A. R. Duncan.
10.08	Col. Holt, Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins.
10.12	L. M. S. Lloyd, L. R. Cramer.
10.16	R. Young, S. L. Lloyd.
10.20	A. S. Allison, H. J. D. Lowe.
10.24	G. T. Harrington, J. Redman.
10.28	A. N. and Q. A. A. MacLaden.
10.32	H. N. Williamson, R. G. Parker.
10.36	H. F. Phillips, J. S. Dunnett.
10.40	G. Dodds, G. Thomerson.
10.44	C. E. Sandstrom, J. W. Mayhew.
10.48	A. McKellar, J. Linaker.
10.52	G. W. Behrman, W. G. Robertson.
10.56	M. Pollock, F. A. M. Elliott.
11.00	J. Hackney, J. L. Oswald.
11.04	X. Williams, Surg. Cdr. Nicholson.

New Course

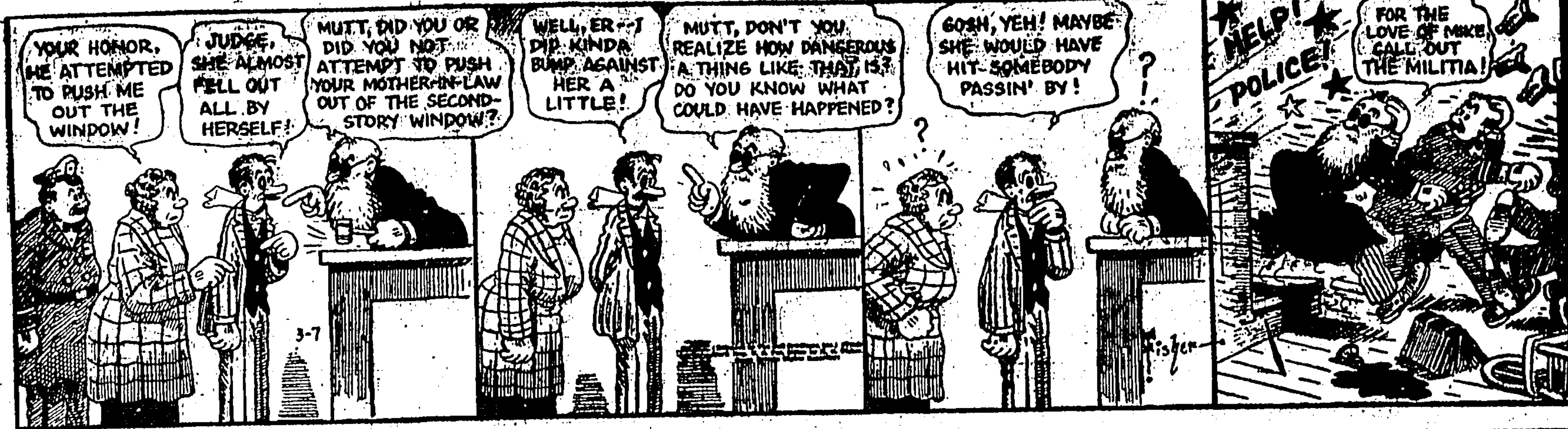
9.24 a.m.	Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Smalley.
9.32	Mrs. Dennis, Miss French.
10.40	W. Park, J. W. Anderson.
10.52	Mrs. Behrman, Mrs. Robertson.

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Relay Of Musical Comedy "1066 And All That"

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Delius—Brigg Fair. London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Geoffrey Toye.
12.48 p.m.—J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. Andantino (Song of the Soul—Lemare).
Andante in G (Batisto).
Ave Maria (Schubert, arr. Willoughby).
Spring Song (Mendelssohn, arr. Willoughby).
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ). Magyar Melody—Selection. Trees (Rasbach).

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

Parlez-Moi D'Amour (Lenoir).
1.13 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra.
Poet and Peasant — Overture (Suppe).
A Life On The Ocean—Nautical Selection (Binding).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Verdi's "Aida" Act III. Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: Maria Capuana (Mezzo-Soprano) Armeris, Pha-

roah's daughter; Trancredi Pasero (Bass).... Ramfis, High Priest; Arangi-Lombardi (Soprano).... Aida; Armando Borgioli (Bari-tone).... Amonasro, King of Ethiopia; Arnoldo Lindi (Tenor).... Rhadames, a young warrior; with Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.
6.00 p.m.—Lehmann—"In A Persian Garden" (from "The Rubaiyat" of Omar Khayyam—Fitzgerald). Sung by Dora Labbette (Soprano); Muriel Brunskill (Contralto); Hubert Eisdell (Tenor) and Harold Williams (Baritone) with Piano accompaniment.
6.35 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-tions.
6.37 p.m.—The London Theatre Or-chestra.
"Revudeville" Memories—Windmill Theatre Selection...with Vocal Chorus.
"A Country Girl"—Selection (Lionel Monckton).
6.55 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Ev'ntide; Lyin' To Myself...Louis Armstrong & His Orchestra.
Waltz—It's A Sin to Tell A Lie... George Hall & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—A Rendezvous with a Dream. (film "Poppy")....Shep Fields & His Rippling Rhythm Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—These Foolish Things (from "Spread it Abroad"); Fox-Trot—Im Building Up To An Awful Let Down...Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.
Fox-Trot—Life Begins When You're In Love (film "The Music Goes Round"); Comedy Waltz—The Feller That Played the Planner...Casani Club Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Goody-Goody.... Harry Roy & His Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—Did I Remember? (film "Suzy"); Waltz—The Dance Goes On (film "Over she goes").... Mantovani & His Tipica Orch.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Piano Selections by Billy Mayerl.
Helen, Selection (Offenbach—arr. Korngold).
Have You Forgotten? (Suesse).
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Selection.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"1066 and All That". A Musical Comedy.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-mary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs".
9.45 p.m.—Elgar—"Woodland Inter-lude" (from "Caractacus", Op. 35) and "Dream Children" Op. 43, Nos. 1 & 2. London Symphony Orches-tra cond. by Lawrence Collingwood.
9.54 p.m.—Two Songs by Alexander Kipnis (Bass).
"Faust"—Mephisto Serenade (Gou-nod); Golden Calf....with Or-chestral accompaniment.
10.00 p.m.—Anton Bruckner—Sym-phony No. 4 in E Flat Major. Sach-sische Staatskapelle conducted by Karl Bohm.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ K 8 4	♥ 9 7 2	♦ Q 9 7 6	♣ A 5 3
♠ J 10	♥ J 10 5	♦ J 10 4 3	♣ Q J 10 9
♠ Q 9 7 6 5	♥ A K 8	♦ 8 5	♣ 8 4 2
♠ A 5 3	♥ Q 8 6 4	♦ A K 2	♣ K 7 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Queen of clubs. South could count only eight tricks even if the diamond suit were evenly divided. The prospect of winning a trick in hearts, in which he held only the Queen, seemed rather remote. But, since there was no other hope, Declarer won the club lead in dummy and played a heart. Refusing to give away the fact that he held both top hearts, East properly ducked, whereupon South courageously went up with his Queen. Declarer then returned a heart and now had no difficulty in

making his contract. The play of this hand was actually easy. Knowing that he would have to be lucky, South proceeded on that basis and was rewarded for his optimism and boldness.

You were Merwin Maier's partner yesterday and held:

♠ A K x x x
♥ x
♦ K 10 9 x x
♣ A x

The bidding:

You	Burnstone	Maier	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid three diamonds. Your hand is the same as the previous day's except for the addition of the Ace of clubs, which justifies a three-diamond bid.

Score 100% for three diamonds, 60% for two spades, 20% for two notrump, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 388

Howard Schenken is your partner and you hold:

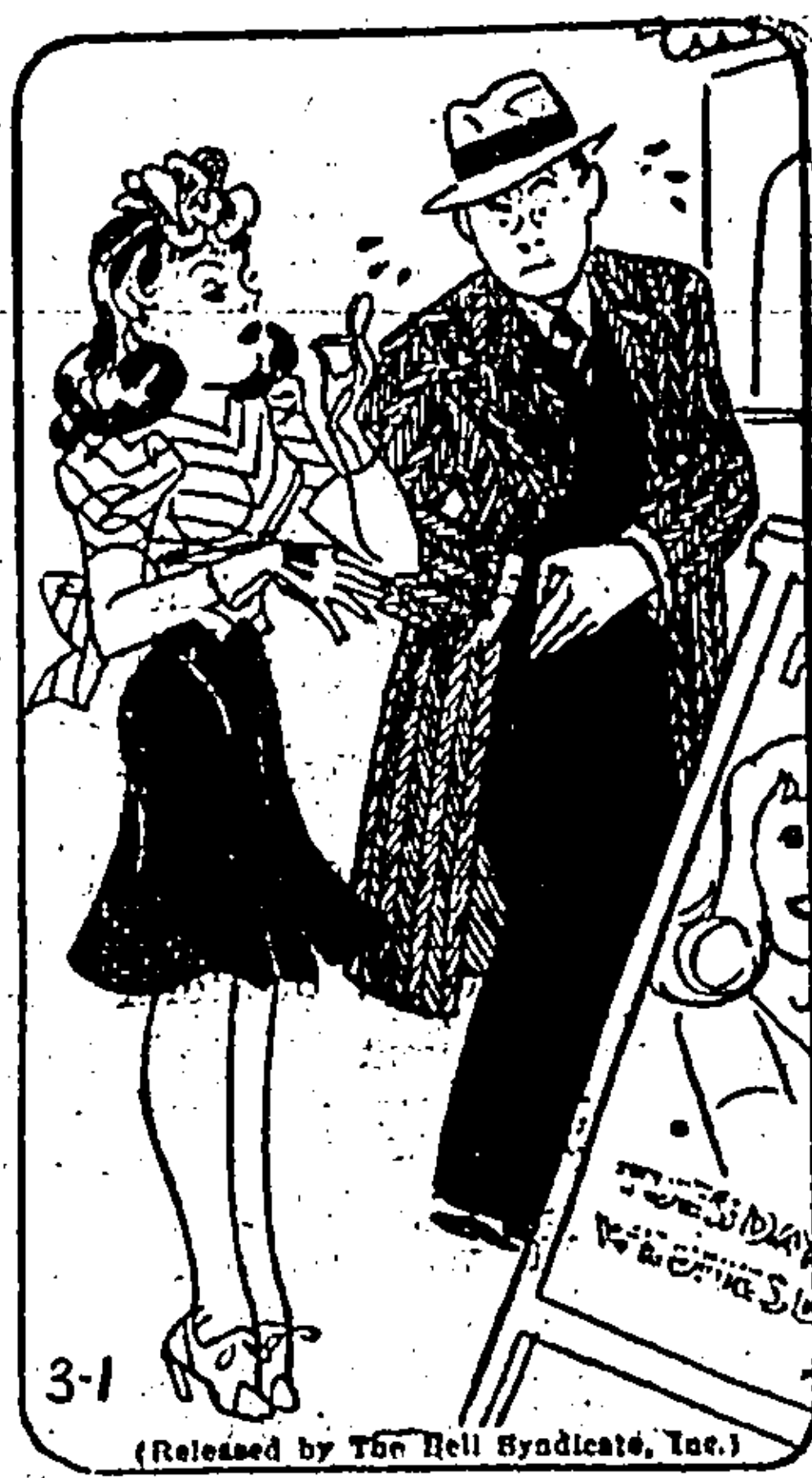
♠ x x x
♥ A K x x
♦ Q 10 x
♣ A x x

The bidding:

You	Jacoby	Schenken	Burnstone
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
(?)			

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th April to 25th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th April, 1940.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4241.	Between Kowloon City Road & Ha Heung Road, To Kwa Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 10,000	\$184 \$7,500



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3	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4243.	Junction of Pau Chung Street & San Shan Road, Ma Tau Kok.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 6,515	\$128 \$5,150

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ITALY PROCLAIMS PACIFIC INTENTIONS

London, To-day.

REVIEWING THE GENERAL situation the "Daily Telegraph" writes: "While eyes are naturally fixed on the Norwegian battleground, events whose significance may or may not be considerable are marching elsewhere."

REYNAUD SCORES A TRIUMPH

Paris, To-day.

The secret session of the Senate which began on Tuesday ended yesterday.

The session proved a great personal triumph for the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, who spoke for an hour at the end of the debate reviewing the entire military, political and diplomatic situation.

No vote was taken as the object of the debate was only to hear reports from the army, navy and air commissions of the Senate, but the prolonged applause from all sides of the House at the end of the Premier's speech indicated the Senators' sentiments.

A storm of applause greeted an emphatic declaration by M. Reynaud that the Government intended to pursue its efforts to win the war in the closest co-operation with Parliament.

According to all signs, the development of the war situation and the Government's handling of it have enormously strengthened Mr. Reynaud's parliamentary position.—Reuter.

"The inimical tone recently adopted by the Italian press invited a declaration by the Minister of Economic Warfare that we should like to know where we stand with Italy."

"It is to be noted that the Italian Government has hastened to deny the report that the Adriatic port of Bari has been declared a prohibited area and that fresh troops have been called to the colours."

"At the same time, the official propaganda news service in Rome announces, 'It is desired of all Italians that nothing should compel them to interrupt the constructive labour for destructive warfare.'"

BRITISH AIM

"That desire, as far as south-east Europe and the Mediterranean is concerned, is certainly shared by His Majesty's Government, as sufficiently declared in the Prime Minister's statement yesterday on the results of the conference of British Ministers in south-east Europe, which has been held in London in the last 10 days."

"Its purpose was 'to preserve peace and promote security in the Balkans and Danubian countries' and to place trade exchanges on a broader basis." — Reuter.

Reynaud's parliamentary position.—Reuter.

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London, To-day.

Commenting on the American statement regarding the Dutch East Indies, "The Times" writes: "Germany's brutal swoop on Norway and Denmark seems to have undone at one blow the effect of months of assiduous Nazi propaganda in the United States."

"Many Americans had been lulled into believing that the war did not and could not affect them, that the Allies were fighting solely in defence of their own material interests, and that it did not matter to the rest of the world which side was victorious."

"Their growing indifference to the issue of the struggle has been rudely disturbed by the attack on two small nations which, more perhaps than any others, have been liked and respected by the American people."

"The outrage has exposed the falsity of German propaganda and has convinced even the most sceptical that a Nazi victory would be a blow to all the principles in which Americans believe and might well imperil vital American interests."

"The approval which greeted the American statement on the Dutch Indies and the whole tone of American comment, shows new understanding of the dangers threatening the world from Nazi aggression and fresh sympathy with the efforts of the Allies to defend the rights of free countries to live their own lives and not be dragooned into becoming lebensraum for aggressive Powers."

"Americans are just as determined as ever to keep out of war, but what one American newspaper stigmatises as the obscenity of the attack on Norway, has re-opened their eyes to the nature of the European conflict."—Reuter.

the fact that during yesterday's secret session, Senators who had announced their intention of interpellating, withdrew their questions.

At the close of the session the entire Senate acclaimed the Premier.

M. Reynaud spoke for over an hour, but the contents of his speech are not known.

The secret session was followed by a short public sitting, at which the Senate chairman declared that the army, navy and air committee's reports, heard in secret session, proved the excellent situation of the French forces.—Havas.

London, To-day.

The British naval survivors landed in Scotland yesterday included a number of survivors from the destroyer Hardy which grounded after the naval engagement at Narvik.—Reuter.

Tokyo, To-day.

A joint conference of Foreign Office, Army and Navy seniors has agreed to ignore entirely the American statement on the Dutch East Indies. At the press conference the Foreign Office spokesman said: "We deem it superfluous to comment on the statement." Japanese press reaction to the statement is broadly hostile. The "Asahi Shimbun" declares: "The American attitude is rather unfriendly and not understandable, savouring of unnecessary interference with West Pacific affairs." The "Hochi Shimbun" says: "The United States, which must have a say in everything, has issued a statement which is a mere rehash of American arbitrary international ideas and citing treaties which are manifestly incompatible with the Japanese axiom that until the unfair status quo, not only in the Far East but throughout the world, is replaced by a fair new order, no peace can be expected."

Undoubtedly the statement is intended as a political move to restrain Japan's southward expansion policy but the United States should know that such an attempt will only inflame the Japanese people.—Reuter.

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